

Life Group Homework

JOHN 8:31-59 – JESUS: THE GREAT I AM

Getting Started:

1. What does it truly mean to be enslaved?
2. Can someone be enslaved and not really know it?
3. What does it truly mean to be free?

Digging In:

1. How is abiding in His word different than hearing, knowing, or understanding His word? (vs. 31)
2. How might knowing the truth set us free, and from what is it freeing us? (vs. 32)
3. How is it that anyone who sins is a slave? (vs. 34 – See *Romans 6:16-23* to fill out your discussion.)

4. Why did the words of Jesus “find no place” in the Jews who were against Him? What prevented the words from finding a place? (vs. 37 - See also vs. 43 and *Matthew 13:19*.)

5. What does it mean to be “of God” (vs. 47) and how does being “of God” help one to truly hear His words? (See also *John 1:12-13*.)

6. In what way do those who keep the word of Jesus “never see death”? (vs. 51 – See also *1 Corinthians 15:42-57* and *Philippians 1:21-24* to help develop this thought.)

7. Discuss *John 8:55* focusing on how Jesus’ statement is true and why it is a powerful statement of His true identity. Could someone who is not the Son of God make such a statement?

Living It Out:

1. According to the teachings of this passage, what actions could we take in our daily walk that would increase the amount of freedom we experience in our lives?

2. What effect should the promise of not experiencing death have on our daily walk with the Lord?