

Pursuing a Culture of Discipleship

Session 2: Discipleship, Freedom, and Maturity

Small-Group Study Guide

1. Introduce the Session: Read pages 7-10, 24-30

5 Minutes

Key Verse

John 8:31-32 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free...36 "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

- In this session we will explore the idea that true freedom comes with maturity as we follow Him and put His word into practice.
- Begin the session by opening with prayer.

2. Watch the video

20 minutes

Bible Passage

1 Peter 2:2, John 8:30-32,36, John 15:4-7

Summary Points

Freedom in Christ comes as we continue to follow Him and put His word into practice.

Freedom begins in Christ but also comes progressively as we mature.

It takes walking in real family life with other disciples in order to mature.

Discussion Quote: Christianity without following Jesus is Christianity without Jesus.

3. Discussion Questions

20 minutes

Q What are areas of freedom that only come through following and abiding in His word?

Q What things does walking in real family life bring us that promotes maturity?

Q What are characteristics of immaturity both in the natural and spiritual?

Discussion Quote: Peter Pan's opposition to Mrs. Darling when she offered to bring him and the lost boys into her family, "You will catch me and try to make me a man (grow up)."

4. PIP (Put it into Practice)

15 Minutes

When you read or hear the Bible what is something you can do to make sure you are moving towards putting it into practice?

Ask a fellow disciple or two to give you an honest evaluation of the three Biblical manifestations of maturity. Go over each of them and see how you are doing.

Have an honest conversation with God about the things that you are not living free in.

Do the same with a fellow disciple to help you with accountability.