

Jesus was repeatedly inviting the religious leaders to _____, but instead of _____, most of them chose _____.

How does our world try to deflect from the more important issues concerning Jesus?

Jesus' followers _____ His word and those truths give them freedom. Shallow faith looks for _____ not to live it.

What are some excuses we can have for not living out the truth we know?

It is a hard truth to hear, but Jesus is clear: everyone who sins is a slave to sin. We cannot free ourselves through our ancestry, our morality, or our own efforts to become free. We don't have what it takes. Yet, the Light of the World came to sign our "manumission" papers and set us free from our slavery to the darkness forever.

We often settle for a shallow faith that stays on the surface, but Jesus invites us into something much deeper. He tells us that true freedom isn't found in doing whatever we want; it's found in "remaining" or "residing" in His Word. When we end our list of excuses and begin really living out His teaching, we will move from being merely fans of Jesus to being His true disciples.