



SUNDAY+

LIGHT & FREEDOM

JOHN 8:12-59

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Opportunities to Connect:

Churchwide Pool Party - August 20th
Mosaic @ The Ballpark - September 3rd

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

Share a win...big or small! What is God doing in your life?
What is God calling you to do as your next step in your discipleship journey?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- READ John 8:12-38 -

1. What stood out to you from this message regarding these verses and why? (Answers may vary.)

2. John 8:31-32 says, "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" Are you abiding in Him and His word? When you aren't, what stops you? (Answers may vary. Abiding in Him includes reading His word and following Him. The Biblical meaning of abide is stay, dwell, remain, live, reside. Jesus is the one we are to abide in.)

3. There are many lies being thrown at you by the world. How do you tell the difference between the lies and the truth? (This is another reason to read the Bible daily and meditate on the word. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. The more we know Him and His word, the more we know the truth and the easier it is to spot lies. Remember Matt's counterfeit money analogy.)

4. How does Jesus define freedom differently than the world does? What do you think Jesus means when he says everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin? (We think freedom means "I do what I want." The problem is that it's a trap. Rebellion always feels like fun and freedom at first, but it can only lead to bondage and eventually death. Jesus changes your worldly desires to a desire for Him. The only true freedom is freedom from the power and penalty of sin through Jesus.)

- READ John 8:39-59 -

5. Who does Jesus claim He is and how does that impact how you think about Him and your relationship with Him? (Jesus claims to be God, the light of the world, "I am," and "Yhwh." Apart from Him you can't know the one true God. Do you know Him? He wants a deep, personal relationship with you.)

6. The point this week is: The gospel sets us free. We all serve something. Jesus is the only one that brings freedom in our surrender to him. What or who are you still serving other than Jesus? What do you need to surrender to Jesus right now? (Answers may vary. Leaders are encouraged to share first.)

As disciples seeking to deepen our relationship with Jesus, we are comforted that we are saved by Jesus and not by our good works. Not only are we called to repent of our sins, but also of our righteous attempts to earn our salvation. This week:

- Pray for God to reveal to you what He is calling you to repent from.
- Is there something you are doing to try and earn your salvation or right standing with God?
- Is there a temptation that's keeping you a slave to sin?
- Is there someone you could share the things you're struggling with?
- Ask Jesus to free you from the power of whatever has a hold on you.

S E R M O N O U T L I N E

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July 23rd, 2023 -

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“Sunday Plus” One Pager: mosaicil.com/groups

Where there is _____ often there is _____. (v12)

To know God is to know _____ .
You cannot _____ the two! (v19)

Isaiah 64:6

He didn't come for you to look backward.
He didn't come for you to look forward.
Jesus came for you to look _____! (v23)

Romans 3:23

God doesn't grade on a _____,
He grades at the _____! (v24)

Do you _____ Him? (v55)

Matthew 7:21-23