

Leader's Guide — Questions with Follow-Up Prompts

1. What does freedom usually mean to people today?

How is Jesus' definition of freedom different?

Follow-up prompts:

- Why do people often equate freedom with having no restrictions?
- What are some examples where unlimited freedom actually leads to harm?

2. Freedom was described as operating as designed.

How does that idea help us understand true freedom?

Follow-up prompts:

- What happens when something operates outside its intended design?
- How does that apply to human life and morality?

3. The crowd trusted their identity as descendants of Abraham.

Why do people today sometimes assume they don't need salvation?

Follow-up prompts:

- What forms of "spiritual pride" exist today?
- How can success or comfort make it harder to see our need for God?

4. Jesus says practicing sin makes someone a slave to sin.

Why does sin have that enslaving effect?

Follow-up prompts:

- Can you think of examples where sin promised freedom but led to bondage?
- Why is sin often deceptive at first?

5. Jesus says His disciples abide in His word.

What does that look like practically?

Follow-up prompts:

- What habits help people remain in God's word?
- How does Scripture shape the way we think and live?

6. Jesus offers freedom from deception through truth.

Where do you see deception about truth in our culture?

Follow-up prompts:

- What messages about happiness or success are misleading?
- How does Scripture help us discern truth from lies?

7. Christians grow in freedom from sin through repentance and faith.

Why is repentance an ongoing part of the Christian life?

Follow-up prompts:

- Why do believers still struggle with sin after coming to faith?
- How does remembering the truth about Christ help us resist temptation?

8. Jesus says those He sets free are free indeed.

How does adoption into God's family give believers confidence?

Follow-up prompts:

- What does it mean to move from being a slave to being a son or daughter?
- How should that security shape the way we live?