



## WEEK 1: FREEDOM IN CHRIST

### SCRIPTURE

John 8:32 - "And you will know that truth and the truth will set you free."

John 8:36 - "So if the Son sets you free you are free indeed."

2 Corinthians 5:17 - "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

Galatians 5:13 - "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love."

### APPLICATION

When I read through that scripture, my initial thought was, "Yikes. I definitely take all of this for granted." Was that yours too? Do you sometimes use this amazing gift for yourself? I definitely do. It's so easy to lose sight of the impact of freedom when life is going well, when pride sets in and you don't practice as much gratitude. Something else that struck me was how often I overlook the freedom found in Christ because I became a believer so many years ago. My "new life" began so many years ago, but y'all we should be celebrating this every day. We should wake up recognizing that *our new life is today*. It's everyday we're alive and able to serve. The call placed on us in Galatians 5:13 applies to every single day - not just on Sundays, not just on the days we woke up on the right side of the bed, and not just on the days when we've decided to make time for Jesus. **We are free, y'all.** Every day. So let's live like it, love like it, and serve like it. Amen Amen Amen.

### QUESTIONS

1. Have you experienced freedom in Christ? If not - what's keeping you from being truly free? If so - what does that freedom look like in your life?

2. What is “the truth” referred to in John 8:32?
  
3. How can you use your freedom to serve others this week?

**Homework:** Write down 2 Corinthians 5:17 EVERY DAY this week and say it out loud. This is your memory verse for the week. Recite it to a friend if you're brave enough!

#### **PRAYER**

Lord - the freedom found in your Son is so sweet. Thank you for rescuing me from my old life and giving me a new life. Lord I know that I'm called to live in this freedom and to use it to serve others. Sometimes, I don't do this - I abuse my freedom. Thank you for your forgiveness, Lord. I pray that I use this freedom in service of others today. I pray that I use my freedom to glorify you in my thoughts, actions, and relationships, too. Thank you for your goodness and your Son. In Jesus name, AMEN.

Take your time with the study this week. Read through the scripture mentioned above - familiarize yourself with the context of the verses. Talk about freedom in Christ with your community. Pray about using your freedom well every day. Above everything else, thank God for it!

**LET'S ROCK THIS WEEK, FRIENDS.**