

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*FREEDOM IN CHRIST*  
The Gospel of John — Week 34

**ICEBREAKER:** What's something in your house you want to get rid of but can't? (Please no naming your family members!)

**OVERVIEW:** This month we are celebrating our freedom as Americans. But the Bible says there is a different kind of freedom than economic and political freedom – spiritual freedom. It is the most important freedom, because you can have political and economic freedom but still be in bondage. The Bible offers this spiritual freedom to anyone, and it explains how to obtain it. In this discussion we will go deeper with our freedom in Christ so that we can fully enjoy it and effectively share it with others.

1. Read John 8:30-36. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. How are people without Christ enslaved?
3. Read John 8:34. What does it mean to be a slave to sin?
4. Read 1 John 5:19. What does it mean to be a slave to Satan?

5. In what ways can Christ liberate us?
6. Read John 8:31-32. What do we need to do to receive freedom in Christ?
7. Look back to what your life was like before Christ saved you. How has Christ liberated you?
8. If Christ offers freedom from sin, why do Christians often struggle with sinful attitudes and addictions?

**The Last Word:** “The only freedom we have is the freedom to choose our master.” Mark Driscoll