




# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

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**TAKEAWAY:** To whom and to what do you look to for truth

**HEAD CHANGE:** Our pursuit of personal freedom may impede our understanding of truth

**HEART CHANGE:** The Bible can be trusted personally.

**LIFE CHANGE:** We believe and trust in the words of Jesus even when we don't like them.

## OVERVIEW

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### Pursuing Truth in a Culture of Personal Freedom

Jesus could have come as many different things; a priest, a revolutionary, maybe a general or emperor but He came as a rabbi, a teacher...a truth teller. Why? He knew that the war He was fighting was not in the world, but rather in our minds. A war on truth. John 8:31-32 records that, "Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." As He is teaching about truth, He is simultaneously saying that we are enslaved to false ideas of freedom by looking for truth in the wrong places. We are in bondage to the tyranny of lies that hold our soul's captive to suffering and pain. Jesus has come to set us free with the weapon of truth. And God's concept of freedom always occurs within obedience to God's ways.

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*-John 8:31-32 (NLT)-*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you in this teaching and why?
2. When you are not sure what to believe, where do you generally turn? Media, a friend, the internet, the Bible? Why?
3. Is there an area of your life where you have compromised your trust in God because you don't like what He has to say? In other words, have you been more interested in liking Jesus than you have been in following Jesus?
4. Jordan said, "Somewhere along the winding road of church history we stopped reading the whole Bible for the whole world." What areas of the Bible, in particular the teachings of Jesus and the letters in the New Testament, have you embraced at one point in your life but allowed yourself to "edit"? If you can't think of anything, ask a friend, and invite honest feedback. The goal is not perfection but progress.

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Father, thank you for caring for and loving me even when my faith in you wavers. You never give up on me even when I sometimes give up on you. Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you. In Jesus' name, amen.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**