

# Connect Group study

Freedom is a very powerful desire which many people have died trying to lay hold of. But what is true freedom, and what makes us really free? This study investigates these things and also how the enemy tries to steal our freedom.

#### Read

John 8:31-47

#### Reflect

- Q1. a. According to Jesus in verse 31, how can we be sure that we are genuinely His disciples? What does He mean?
  - b. What other indicators are there that we belong to God according to this passage? (NB verses 42, 47)
- Q2. What is is that makes us free according to Jesus? Dwell for a moment on what He says and discuss what He means.
- Q3. "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin" we're told by Jesus in verse 34. What experiences have you had in life that demonstrate this to be true?
- Q4. a. What do we learn about the nature of the devil from verse 44?
  - b. What then should we be on our guard against?
  - c. How can demonic lies affect our lives?

## Respond

- Q5. a. If the devil is the father of lies, and God's truth is what sets us free, how ought that to influence the place the word of God has in our lives?
  - b. What practical suggestions do you have that would help us all allow the word of God to take a central place in our lives?

### Suggested memory verse(s):

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.' (John 8:32 NIV)