



BIG4

THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS
YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR LIFE

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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[John 8:31-32,36]

*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.**”*

[John 8:31-32,36]

*“**So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**”*

[Acts 2:38]

*Peter replied, “Each of you must **repent of your sins** and turn to God, and **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will **receive the gift** of the Holy Spirit.*

FREEDOM IS:

An Encounter = Position yourself to encounter God

[Exodus 14:13]

*Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. **The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.** The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."*

FREEDOM IS:

A Choice = Stand in the freedom you have received

[Romans 6:6-9, 12-14]

*We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. **We are no longer slaves to sin.** ⁷ For when we died with Christ **we were set free** from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him.*

[Romans 6:6-9, 12-14]

***Do not let sin control the way you live;** do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³ Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, **give yourselves completely to God,** for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. ¹⁴ **Sin is no longer your master,** for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.*

[Romans 6:16]

*¹⁶ Don't you realize that you become the slave of **whatever you choose to obey?** You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.*

[Galatians 5:1]

*Christ has set us free to live a free life. **So take your stand!** Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.*

FREEDOM IS:

A Journey = take the on-ramps to further freedom

TFH On-ramps to Freedom:

1. **Water Baptism:** freedom from the old life
2. **Life Change Event:** find spiritual and emotional freedom
3. **Financial Peace University:** financial freedom
4. **Celebrate Recovery:** freedom from hurts, habits, and hang-ups
5. **Avenue:** freedom from sexual addiction
6. **Live Free Ministry:** freedom from your past hurts
7. **Common Care Counseling:** freedom from trying to figure it out alone
8. **Small Groups:** freedom to grow in God through relationships
9. **Career-Link:** freedom from occupational lids and ruts
10. **Intimate Encounters/ Marriage Ministry:** freedom from relational and marital strain

To Find Freedom: “Make His People, Your People”

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there an event or situation in your life when you felt completely trapped?
2. Would you say that you are living in freedom or are there areas of bondage you struggle with?

3. God says that life in Him has the hope of freedom. Then why do we still struggle with these chains of bondage?
4. Do you remember an encounter with freedom?
5. What are the challenges of simply "choosing" freedom?
6. How can we take an offensive stance against the chains of our past?
7. What are some "off-ramps" that you struggle with?
8. Review the "TFH on-ramps" and share with each other which one is your next step.