

Introduction: Living lives of freedom

How can we ensure freedom and prosperity for the people we love?

*³¹ To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, “**If you hold to My teaching**, you are really My disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

John 8:31-32

God’s truth brings _____.

How to understand and experience freedom:

1. God's truth, when obeyed, sets individuals _____. John 8:31-32
2. When people seek God's truth, the Bible, they experience _____ at a much higher level than other societies.

The fruits of people who sought God's truth and God's way of life:

- Western democracy
- Modern education
- Social literacy
- Abolition of slavery
- Scientific Revolution

3. Many free and wealthy inheritors are _____ God's truths.

Satan loves to get a whole society or a group of people to adopt a lens of reality that says, "We don't need God or the Bible".

Since we cannot control society, how can we respond?

1. We will remain _____ to the Christian Scriptures.

2. We will intentionally _____ our young.

Apart from God's Word, there is no true freedom.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read John 8:32. How has God's Truth set you free? What do you have freedom from?
2. Pastor John showed evidence that a society that seeks God's Truth becomes a society of freedom. If your family or group of friends were a "society," in what ways are you seeking God's Truth?
3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much of your worldview is based on culture versus Scripture (with 1 being fully shaped by culture and 10 being fully shaped by Scripture)? What are some ways you could raise your number?
4. Casual or intentional? Which one of these words best describes your weekly effort to see reality according to God's Word? Which word best describes your effort to help your spouse, children, or grandchildren see reality through the lens of God's Word?
5. Pray and ask God to reveal ways that you or your family can become more rooted to the Christian Scriptures.