



Becoming Free

Series: Becoming....Transformed into His Image

Scripture: John 8:31-36

Three Groups of People in the Crowd:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The truth is _____ the _____ that only Jesus offers.

- _____ in Jesus opens the door to the _____ about his salvation.
- _____ to his teaching will _____ you _____.
- It's an "if/then" proposition.
- It's about our _____ to the teaching of Jesus.
- As we _____ more and more from his Word, God's sanctifying grace helps us _____ in our _____ of how to become better _____ of Jesus

Matthew 22: Love _____ and Love _____.

John 15:12: Love _____ as I have loved _____.

- Jesus sees everyone as they are: we're all slaves to _____ and in need of _____.
- Romans 6:12-14

Steps to freedom:

1. _____ in Jesus as your _____ and _____ the saving grace of God.
2. _____ daily in your faith and allow the _____ grace of God to do the work of _____ of your life.
3. _____ your entire _____ to the sanctifying grace of God.

Start Talking.

- Have you ever been a “fan” of something without being deeply committed? What did that look like?
- What’s the difference between casually liking something and fully committing to it?
- Who is someone you would describe as truly committed? What stands out?
- When you hear the word “disciple,” what comes to mind?

Start Thinking:

- Why might “Are you a Christian?” be the wrong or incomplete question?
- Why do you think many people stop at being “fans” of Jesus?
- What does Jesus mean when He says, “*If you hold to my teaching...*”?
- How is Jesus’ definition of “truth” different from how our culture uses the word?
- What’s the connection between obedience and freedom?
- Why do people often want the “benefits” of faith without the commitment (the “if without the then”)?

Start Sharing:

- Where do you see yourself in the crowd right now: listener, fan, or disciple? Why?
- What has helped or hindered your grow in your faith up to this point?
- Are there any teachings of Jesus that you struggle to fully follow?
- What does it look like for you personally to “*hold on to*” Jesus’ teaching?
- Have you experienced freedom in an area of your life through following Jesus? What changed?
- Is there an area where you want Jesus as Savior but struggle to make Him Lord?
- What would taking the “next step” in your faith look like right now?

Start Praying:

- Thank Jesus for offering true freedom through salvation
- Ask God to reveal where you are in your faith journey
- Pray for a deeper hunger to follow Jesus fully
- Ask for strength to hold on to His teaching
- Pray for a heart of surrender and obedience

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Honestly identify where you are: listener, fan, or disciple.
- Take one clear step forward this week (faith, obedience, surrender).
- Choose one teaching of Jesus to intentionally live out this week.
- Spend time daily in Scripture to better understand His teaching.
- Practice loving God and loving others in a tangible way this week.
- Surrender one area of your life where you’ve been holding back.