

ICEBREAKER

Where is your favorite place to spend time? Why?

CONTEXT

Our text takes place while the people are still celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles (a celebration of God leading the Israelites out of Egypt). Jesus has declared that He is the Living Water and the Light of the World. Now He tells the listeners how to live in true freedom.

PASSAGE

John 8:31-47

DISCUSS

1. What have you learned from this text?

- What stood out to you as we read the text? Why?
- The definition of "abide" is to remain; continue; stay. What does the phrase mean, "abide in My word"? How can we remain/continue/stay in Jesus' Word?
- Read John 15:1-11. What insight do these verses give us on how we can abide in Jesus and what that means for our lives?
- What impact has slavery to sin made in your life? What effect has freedom from that struggle had in your life?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

• The Pharisees claim their connection to God because they are descendants of Abraham. We can do the same thing when we look to the faith of others instead of growing in our relationship with Jesus. What are ways we do this in this day and age?

2. How will you apply this to your life?

- Read Hebrews 4:12. What happens when we choose to abide in the Word of God? Why do we need this to happen to live in freedom with Christ?
- What has the Holy Spirit brought to mind for you to apply going forward?

3. How will you pass it on to someone?

• If someone asked you to explain why John 8:31-47 is in the Bible, what would you tell them? Why?

NEXT STEPS

Memorizing the Word of God is one of many ways we can abide in Jesus. Pick a verse from the passages you read today to memorize as a group.

Don't forget to RSVP for your Easter Gathering and to sign up to serve at one of our 11 gathering times!