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Summary: When we come to Jesus as true disciples, we desire to serve Him. However, on the road of life as Jesus followers, we encounter several obstacles, that if we allowed them to, would not permit us to follow Him completely. Today we will look at some common ones and seek the Lord's grace to overcome them.

Freed to Serve the Lord

John 8:31-36

1. The Biblical Context of Freedom – Love. Romans 13:8-10, 14:1-3

2. Financial Freedom.

- a. **Contentment.** Philippians 4:10-14
- b. **Riches vs. Wealth.** Proverbs 10:22, Ephesians 3:8

3. Freedom from Sin.

- a. **The trap of Sin.** James 1:12-15
- b. **Grace to Resist.** James 4:6-10

4. Freedom from Fear.

- a. **Complete your call.** 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- b. **Prophetic biblical Posture Against Fear.** Psalm 23, Psalm 91

5. Freedom from the Past.

- a. **Freedom from Generational Bondage.** Deuteronomy 5:9 – 10
- b. **Confidence to Serve the Lord.** Philippians 3:7-8, 12

LifeGroup Questions:

BEGIN IT - (5min) Praise song and opening prayer.

OPEN IT - (10min) What does “freedom” mean to you?

EXPLORE IT - (60min) Follow Sunday's sermon outline together and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. Read John 8:31–36 together. Note how freedom in Jesus is intimately tied to obedience.
2. Explain the balance between personal freedom and security within a society.
3. Review the 5 points regarding ways that we may need freedom.
4. Mention 1 or 2 that seem to be the most challenging for you.
5. If there was a specific point that seemed to be common for the group, re-read the passages linked to it.

APPLY IT - (15min) Think through how you will make changes in your life to walk in *obedience to Jesus* which is the key to true freedom according to John 8. Pray together over these areas where you need Jesus to set you free.