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## Point Group Leader Guide

**Date:** October 26, 2025

**Title:** *Freedom: Set Free From / Set Free For*

**Text:** John 8 : 31–40

**Supporting Texts:** Romans 8:13–17, 26–31 · 2 Corinthians 1:8–9 · Galatians 1:10

**Opening** - This week's message from *John 8* focuses on freedom—what we're set **from** and what we're set **for**.

Freedom in Christ isn't the ability to do whatever we want; it's the ability to live as we were created to be—children of God led by His Spirit.

Invite the group to reflect:

- \* What does "freedom" mean to you?
- \* How do people around you define freedom?

**Truth to Remember:** Freedom isn't doing whatever I want—it's living as who I'm created to be in Christ.

**Read Together John 8:31–40** "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Optional:

- **Romans 8:13–17** — Spirit of adoption as sons and daughters
- **Romans 8:26–31** — The Spirit helps us in weakness and works all things for good

Pause afterward and ask what word or phrase stood out.

**Discussion – What Is Freedom Biblically?** Jesus' listeners thought they were already free, but He exposed the bondage of sin and self-reliance.

- When Jesus says the truth will set us free, what are we set **from** and what are we set **for**?
- How does **cultural freedom** (self-rule) differ from **kingdom freedom** (Spirit-led life)?
- "There's no room in your hearts for my message." What tends to crowd your heart and push out God's Word?

**Truth #1 — Freeborn & Emancipated** John 8:34–36 · 2 Corinthians 1:8–9

We were made for God's presence but enslaved by sin. When Jesus sets us free, He doesn't just open the door—He brings us home.

- Where do you still feel like you need to earn your way back to God?
- Paul said hardship taught him to rely on God, not himself. Where is God teaching you the same lesson?
- How does remembering that Jesus already won the victory change how you handle pressure or guilt?

Freedom begins when we stop trying to fix what Jesus already finished.

### **Truth #2 — Expunged & Exempt** Romans 8:1 · Colossians 2:13–15

When Jesus forgives, He doesn't put us on probation—He erases the record completely.

A familiar story tells of a boy who hid a broken duck and was blackmailed by guilt until he finally confessed—only to find he'd already been forgiven. In the same way, guilt can keep us enslaved long after grace has freed us.

- What past failure or regret still tries to control you even though you know you're forgiven?
- What helps you live like your record truly is clean?
- How can we remind one another this week that grace cancels every "remember the duck" moment?

You're not who you were—you're who Jesus says you are.

### **Truth #3 — Excommunicated from Outside Influence** Galatians 1:10

Living for people's approval and living for God's purpose are two different roads. Freedom means being released from the fear of others' opinions.

- Where are you most tempted to seek approval over obedience?
- What boundaries or habits help you stay anchored in God's voice?
- Why does Paul connect people-pleasing with losing the ability to serve Christ?

Freedom grows when approval no longer drives obedience.

### **Truth #4 — From Sin to the Son; From Self to the Spirit** Romans 8:13–17, 26–31

Freedom isn't only about what we leave behind—it's about who we become. We are adopted, empowered, and led by the Spirit.

- What does it look like to live as an adopted son or daughter instead of a spiritual orphan?
- How does the Holy Spirit help you when you feel weak or uncertain?
- Which verse from Romans 8 speaks most to your confidence in God's purpose?

Freedom looks like walking with the Spirit, not wrestling with yourself.

### **Reflection & Application**

1. What area of life do you need to stop controlling and start surrendering to Jesus?
2. Which truth from these Scriptures do you need to hold onto when you feel bound?
3. What's one way you can live *from* freedom this week, not *for* it?

The goal isn't to be perfect—it's to stay surrendered.

**Group Challenge** Take a few moments each morning this week to thank Jesus for one freedom you have in Him, then ask the Holy Spirit to guide your next step.

**Closing Prayer** Pray together focusing on gratitude for freedom and dependence on the Spirit:

- **Thanksgiving:** for Jesus' finished work
- **Surrender:** for any area of lingering bondage
- **Empowerment:** for the Spirit's help and courage to live free

End with Romans 8:37 "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

### **Big Takeaway - Freedom isn't found in fighting harder—it's found in trusting deeper.**

The Son has set us free—from sin and self—so we can live for sonship and Spirit-led purpose.

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