

**What is freedom?**

John 8:36 | Galatians 5:13 | Galatians 5:16

**What is the enemy to my freedom?**

**The enemy can gain a foothold (stronghold) when we believe his lie.** Ephesians 4:26-27 | Genesis 3:1-11

**The lie:**

- Distorts
- Deceives
- Blinds

**The answer to the lie is Truth. Not an idea but a person,**

**Jesus.** John 14:6 | John 8:32 | Colossians 1:19-20 | 2 Corinthians 3:17 | Psalm 119:32

- **Love**
- **Understanding**
- **Surrender**

Set free from \_\_\_\_\_.

Set free for \_\_\_\_\_.

**My Freedom step:**

*Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! [www.seekreallife.com/groups](http://www.seekreallife.com/groups)*

**Share your story**

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

What is one thing you've witnessed the Lord do in your life or in the life of someone in your group that you are thankful to the Lord for this season?

**Connect to God's story**

**Read Luke 5:1-11 and then re-read Luke 5:1-5.**

*When Jesus tells Simon to let down the nets, he is treading in Simon's area of expertise. How does Simon respond? Have you ever felt the frustration of someone else telling you how to do your job? Why do you think that could be so annoying?*

*Jesus met Simon at his place of work. Has God met you in the work you were doing and interrupted it? What happened?*

**Re-read Luke 5:6-11.**

What was Simon's response? How did the others with him respond? Why did Simon tell Jesus to go away and how does that help us understand what was going on inside his head?

*Jesus helps Simon move from fear to following. What part can fear play in our hesitancy to follow Jesus? What fears do you face?*

*We find real freedom in Christ! He invites us to boldly follow Him into the work He's calling us to. What keeps us from serving as Jesus served? What barriers do we need to overcome? Where does God want you to "put out into deep water"?*

*During this last Life Group meeting this session, our groups get the opportunity to take communion together. Do this together with thanksgiving and celebrate the new life Jesus gives us, the grace his actions pour out on our lives. Let's remember His death until He returns.*

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.**

Respond to this passage by passing around the bread and eating it together remembering the body of Jesus broken for you.

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:25-26.**

Respond to this passage by drinking the cup together remembering the new covenant that Jesus established through his blood - closing in prayer.

***"...if we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness."***

***- 1 John 1:9 (NET)***

**My Prayer for 2019**

My Lord and Savior Jesus, thank you for your gift of grace to me. My soul hungers for you. I want to know you – not just intellectually, but relationally. I give you permission to tear down every false thought, every lie, and every stronghold the Enemy has established within me.

I will pursue my relationship with you with my whole heart. I will hold nothing back from you. I am open and willing to receive the good things you have planned for me.

I ask:

- Work your good in me so that I might reflect you more.
- Work your good for me so that I might receive all that you intend for me.
- Work your good through me so that all around me, people will experience your love and goodness and be drawn to you.

I am open and ready for all you will do in, for, and through me. I love you, Jesus.

Amen