

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 1, 2016

This Week's Focus: All those who trust in the truth of Jesus' words and his redeeming work on the cross are forever freed from the bondage of sin and gloriously adopted by God as his sons and daughters.

This Week's Text: John 8:31-38

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." **Galatians 4:4-7**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's text?
- Who is Jesus' audience in this passage? According to Jesus' words, what is the mark of a true disciple of Jesus? What does it mean to abide in Jesus' words? Discuss the following:
 - Abiding in Christ is evidence of salvation, not a prerequisite of salvation (Ephesians 2:4-5).
 - Abiding is not dependent on us alone (1 Corinthians 1:8-9).
 - Abiding is something we'll never do perfectly in this life (Romans 7:15-19).
- Why is it important and necessary as a Christian to regularly read and study God's Word, the Bible? What are some practical ways we can individually and in community grow in grace and truth? Share how the truth of the gospel has helped sustain you in good times and in distress.
- What is Jesus revealing about himself and his word in this passage? What is his word synonymous with? Why do we desperately need the truth?
- Why do you think the Jews were in denial about their physical and spiritual slavery? Discuss how we too by nature are slaves to sin. How is anyone released from spiritual bondage?

- What are we saved from, and what are we saved to? What is the difference between a servant and a son/daughter? Reference verses 35 and 36. What privileges do we have as sons and daughters of God in this life and in eternity? How do these truths affect the way you live?
- How does the passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?