

## WEEK 7: FIGHTING FOR THE FREEDOM OF OTHERS

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### FACILITATOR'S NOTE:

- ✓ Start your group discussion with the "Check-in" question to help your members reflect back on their week and follow up on last week's application challenge.
- ✓ Review the "Big Idea" to help you gain clarity around the heart of this week's message and focus your group's discussion towards a clear direction.
- ✓ Read this week's scripture passages together and guide your group through the "Discuss" questions to initiate meaningful dialogue around key concepts or insights from this week's message.
- ✓ Move your group discussion to a deeper level by leading them through questions in "Apply". Use discernment to customize these application questions to meet the needs & dynamics of your group.  
**NOTE:** You do not have to cover all the questions provided in "Discuss" and "Apply".
- ✓ Connect with God together as a group through this week's "prayer practice", which can be in the form of a prayer exercise or some guidance on what to pray for in relation to the message or application.

<b>CHECK-IN</b>	Were there any wins this past week in sourcing your identity in Christ and experiencing true acceptance? Which labels did you feel freedom from?
<b>BIG IDEA</b>	<p><b>Leader's Note:</b> <i>This week's message and application are inherently missional. If your group has been struggling with including mission into the rhythm of your meetings, this week's content may just be what you're looking for.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Freedom in your life and the lives of others is maximized when shared with others. We have been rescued to be a rescuer. <b><i>What if God wants to leverage your past to help others find freedom?</i></b></p>
<b>DISCUSS</b>	<p>Read <b>John 4: 1-42</b> and <b>2 Corinthians 5:16-21</b>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What can we learn from Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman?</li><li>2. Explore your story. What parts of your story do you think go in the trash can? What goes on the platform to help others? Is there anything you think God <i>can't</i> use to help others? Why?</li></ol>

**APPLY**

1. What is your story, your path, or your past? How might your story become the platform through which God might use to minister freedom into someone else's life?
2. Spend five minutes to write down names of friends who need freedom, just like you. How could you best help them to be free?
3. Check-in with yourself and share with one other group member: Are you ready to share what you've been learning with someone?  
 Absolutely!  
 I'm really nervous about sharing...but I will.  
 Not yet, but soon.  
 No way.

**PRAYER PRACTICE**

Pastor Brian illustrated examples of places that we go to, and how we can be intentional about being used by God (E.g. coffee shop, airplane). Focus your group prayer specifically on opportunities this week to apply this sense of openness to what God is doing around you.

*Lord, where are you working in and around me? Show me.*

Pray over your workplaces, families, supermarkets, gyms - the places that are already at. Ask for courage to respond to, or initiate a conversation with a stranger. Be prepared to share next week, or mid-week, about how it went.