



### **Part 5: I Don't Feel Like It**

Freedom is one of the values that is most prized in our culture. We don't like to be told what to do. We want to do whatever we feel like doing. Freedom is a great thing, but be careful. Not every freely made decision leads to freedom!

**Scripture:** John 8:31-36

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Can you think of a time when someone told you to do something that you didn't want to do? How did you react? How does it make you feel when you are put into a position where you can't do what you want to do?
2. In your opinion, what are the biggest influences in our culture that impact how people live their lives? (Ex: materialism, the need to fit in, etc.) In other words, who/what do we let tell us what to do?
3. Do agree or disagree with the following statement: "Not every freely made decision leads to freedom?" What do you think that means? Can you think of examples to either support or reject that statement?
4. Read John 8:31-36. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? How does someone become a disciple?
5. How can truth set people free? How do you think people can experience this kind of truth?
6. Jesus says that people who sin become slaves to sin. What does that mean? How would you know if you were enslaved to sin? Come up with some examples as a group, of how sin can take away people's freedom.

### **Moving Forward**

Jesus says that those who hold to his teaching are his disciples (apprentices). How does this lead to being set free? Can you think of areas of your life where following the teachings of Jesus has changed your life for the better? Share an example.