

Journey to Freedom Intro: Part 2 Sermon Guide

The journey to freedom is a love story — one where God's unconditional love for us drives out fear, anxiety and brokenness. In this sermon, we explore how to work out our salvation, heal our broken hearts and find true freedom in Christ. Let's dive into the key points and discuss how we can apply these truths to our lives.

Sermon Summary:

- God's love for us is sacrificial and unconditional
- We are called to work out our salvation from a place of acceptance not *for* acceptance
- Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted and set captives free
- Idolatry in various forms can lead to comparison, jealousy and destruction
- Healing from past wounds and abuse is possible through God's love and grace
- The Holy Spirit is our helper in the journey to freedom
- We are accepted loved chosen and secure in Christ

Key Scriptures:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB1995)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed" (Luke 4:18 NASB1995)

"Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life." (Proverbs 4:23 NASB1995)

"For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing." (James 3:16 NASB1995)

Table Questions:

These are questions based on the scriptures and sermon to help you put the teaching into practice. They can be used in discipleship, Lifegroup, as a family or with whoever is around your table this week.

1. How does understanding God's unconditional love for you change the way you approach your relationship with Him?
2. In what areas of your life do you find yourself trying to work for acceptance rather than from acceptance? How can you shift your perspective?

3. The sermon mentions various forms of idolatry (image, relationships, money, status, etc). Which of these do you struggle with most and why?
4. How has comparison or jealousy affected your relationships or personal growth? What steps can you take to combat these tendencies?
5. Jimmy shared a personal story about his wife's struggle with anorexia. How have you seen seemingly small comparisons lead to destructive behaviors in your own life or the lives of those around you?
6. Scripture tells us to "watch over your heart with all diligence." What practical steps can you take to guard your heart in today's culture?
7. How has past rejection abuse neglect or failure affected your view of God and yourself? How might God want to heal these areas?
8. The sermon discusses the story of the woman caught in adultery. How does Jesus' response to her challenge your view of God's compassion and forgiveness?
9. In what ways can our Lifegroup create a safe space for sharing and healing from past wounds?
10. How can we as a community support each other in the journey of working out our salvation and finding freedom in Christ?