



Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Share about how you celebrated the fourth of July and with whom.

Talk About it!

1. Read **John 8:31-32**

a. Why is truth so important for experiencing freedom? How have you experienced freedom in your own life through the truth, generally, and through the truth of Jesus Christ, specifically?

2. Read **John 5:24-25**

a. How is it that the voice of God, the voice of Jesus is so powerful and life-giving? How have you experienced better life and living because of the voice of Jesus?

3. Read **Colossians 2:12-13** & **John 4:24**

a. How does a person move from being spiritually dead to being spiritually alive?

4. Read **John 5:26** & **Colossians 1:17**

a. How does the revelation of the origin of life itself affect your beliefs - and your life?

5. Read **John 5:27-29**

a. What are the 'two kinds of people' that were referenced in the message - and are reflected here

b. How does one become either of these two kinds of people? Do good deeds save a person (make sure you check in with verse 24 and John 3:16-17!). Where do you believe you stand in this regard?

6. How does the matter of 'judgment' affect you?

a. How do you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you with any kind of course correction because of these words?



Scripture Reference

JOHN 8:31-32 NLT

31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

JOHN 5:24-25 NLT

24 "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

25 "And I assure you that the time is coming, indeed it's here now, when the dead will hear my voice—the voice of the Son of God. And those who listen will live.

COLOSSIANS 2:12-13 NLT

12 For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.

JOHN 4:24 NLT

24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

JOHN 5:26 NLT

26 The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son.

COLOSSIANS 1:17 NLT

17 He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

JOHN 5:27-29 NLT

27 And he has given him authority to judge everyone because he is the Son of Man. 28 Don't be so surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son, 29 and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.