

Made for More It is for Freedom...

Freedom is a *promise that must be possessed* (Galatians 5:1). While many people have embraced the lie that real change is impossible and carry an overwhelming sense of hopelessness, Jesus came to set us free. The freedom He offers us is the ever-increasing ability to become more and more like Him, to live as God designed us to live. That promise of freedom, however, is not automatic. We can be alive in Jesus and still not be free. Just as He commanded Lazarus to come out of the tomb and be unbound, He calls us to be both made alive and loosed in Him (John 11:38-39). Possessing our promise of freedom is an ongoing journey of *yielding* to the leading of the Holy Spirit in what we think and what we do.

WATCH TESTIMONY VIDEO: WEEK 1

GET THINGS STARTED

- What stood out to you or resonated with you from the testimony video? How were you encouraged or challenged?
- What is your initial reaction to the topic of freedom within this *Made for More* series? What do you think this series will be about, and how excited or hesitant are you?
- What do you hope to get out of this series personally?

GO DEEPER

1. In John 8:36, Jesus says that *if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed*. What does He mean by *free*? What do you think Jesus wants to produce in us? How is freedom often defined or perceived incorrectly?
2. From Galatians 5:1, what things cause us to be burdened by a yoke of slavery?
3. When Jesus raises Lazarus back to life (John 11:38-44), He gives two commands: *come out* and *unbind him* (or *loose him*). What does it look like to be alive in Jesus and yet not be free? How do we possess the promise of freedom Jesus offers us?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Are you *alive* in Jesus and yet not *free*? What do you want freedom from the most at this point in your life? How would you rate your need or desperation for freedom right now?
2. What do you think of the idea of *yielding* to the leading of the Holy Spirit? How uncomfortable or intimidating is that concept for you? What might it look like for you to be fully *yielded* to the Holy Spirit day-by-day, moment-by-moment?
3. To what degree have you possibly believed the lie that change, healing, and/or restoration are impossible?

PRACTICE IT NOW

As a group, purposefully pray that God would lead you into a greater measure of freedom in the coming weeks. Ask Him to show you what freedom really looks like, and what it means to be fully *yielded* to His Spirit. Take time to also pray over those areas you particularly desire freedom in, inviting the Holy Spirit to work and move. Ask God to give you a fresh hope that change, healing, and restoration are possible.

PURIFY WORKBOOK – FOR THIS WEEK

Bringing Things into the Light; Session 1: Let's Get Real – Deception vs. Truth