John 8:31-47 /// Week of September 24

Today's big idea: Truth brings Life Again.

If you aren't familiar with the game just Google it.

- As a group play Two Truths and a Lie.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

While this is a longer story the dialogue makes is good for Storytelling. Take some extra time to practice this week.

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Who Are the Children of God.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from John 8:31-47 in the Bible.
- What does this story teach us about truth and about lies?
- What does this story teach us about God and the devil?
- What does this story teach us about us?

Heart

Now it is getting real. This might be hard for people to share. Model vulnerability and transparency and be ready to go first. Remember, you are setting the tone for the rest of the year together. Trust your group. Go deep.

- What lies have kept you from the freedom that God has for you?
- How did you see, receive or encounter truth when you were bound by lies?
- How has the truth changed you OR how does the truth still need to change you?

Hands

Keep track of what people share here. Be ready to follow up with them this week as a measure of accountability. Also look for those who may need some one-on-one relational discipleship.

- What can you do this week to expose the lies of the devil in your life and speak truth into those things?
- How can you identify lies and speak truth into others?
- Pray for one another and for the truth to set you all free.

Next Week

If you aren't already, begin asking people to serve in different ways—tell the Bible story (very short and familiar), bring a snack, do the ice breaker, etc. Involvement builds buy-in which reinforces culture which drives multiplication.

- New Series: Can I Trust... the Bible?
- Matthew 7:24-27