

# Set Free

## Free To Dream (Week 2)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

In Christ, we are free to dream, no longer enslaved to the pain of our past or crippled by comparison.

### Key Scriptures

*When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."*

*Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."*

*The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."*

John 21:15-17

*Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"*

*Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."*

John 21:18-22

### How do we live free?

1. Run to Jesus.
2. Experience his kindness and grace.
3. Choose faithfulness.
4. Ask for a God-size dream

*It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1*

### Start talking.

- What is the most interesting dream you've ever had?
- What is your favorite animal you've ever owned?

### Start thinking.

- In what ways have you been preoccupied with your past sin or public failure? How did that impact your perception of yourself?
- Do you ever struggle with comparison? If so, in what areas of life does it impact you the most?
- Pastor Ryan mentioned that a "preoccupation with the past limits our potential" and "comparison breeds complacency and creates a victim mentality." Are there any other dangers to these two mindsets?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-19. How does this paragraph inform our view of the past? Not only in our own lives but in the lives of others?

### Start sharing.

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-21. What would it look like to be an "ambassador of reconciliation?"
- Have you ever been given a "God-sized dream?"

### Start doing.

- What are some simple things you can implement this week to limit the effect of your past and the temptation to compare yourself to others?
- Is there anyone in your sphere of influence who needs to be reminded that their past doesn't define them? Anyone who needs to be reconciled to Jesus? How can you take steps towards them this week?

### Closing prayer.

Father, I thank you that when we humbly approach, you don't resist us, no matter how badly we've sinned and failed you. In fact, you kindly show us love and grace. Thank you for the story of Peter's restoration by Jesus, it shows us so much about your character and lovingkindness. Help us to choose faithfulness as we follow you. Remind us that our past no longer defines us and that we are new creations in Christ.