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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 20)

Lam. 3:21-23 (Hope/Trust)

21But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

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SERMON GUIDE

## FREED FROM DARKNESS

John 8:30-41

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

### Conversation Questions

**Setting the Table:** Take a quick look at Romans 6:19-23. Notice in this context that we “offer ourselves as slaves” to either righteousness or to sin. Notice that slavery to sin leads to “wages” (Rom. 6:23).

### Read John 8:30-41

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Where does true freedom come from according to Jesus (v.32, 36)? How is this different from the way we typically define “freedom”?
- O** How do the people respond to Jesus’ offer of freedom? What does their reaction reveal about their understanding of their own spiritual condition?
- O** In verses 39–41, how does Jesus challenge their claim to be Abraham’s children? What does he say truly matters in spirituality?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** What are some things that you’re looking to for a sense of freedom—like independence, success, or self-expression—how are those falling short of the freedom Jesus offers? What would finding that true freedom in Jesus look like this week?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.