



## ICEBREAKER

- As a child, what was the one thing you looked forward to the most about Fourth of July weekend?
- Has anything changed since adulthood or do you still look forward to that one thing?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you have a favorite firework? Or one that you have to have every year?
2. When you see a night sky full of exploding fireworks, do you have an overwhelming feeling of freedom? If not, when do you feel freedom the most?
3. Read the story of Jesus in John 8:31–36. What stands out in these verses?
  - Have you ever considered yourself a slave to sin?
4. We all have heard the famous words of Jesus in verse 36, but do we believe them? How do you know if you have experienced true freedom by God's Son?
5. Chase described all kinds of ways in which we might feel freedom and then said, "Freedom is allowing Jesus to carry your burdens." And asked the following question: What can God carry so you can be free?

## NEXT STEPS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Grab a bookmark and/or journal for reading John's gospel.
- Consider the areas of your life in which you might not be truly free until you let Jesus carry those burdens, those circumstances, that past pain and hurt, etc.