

ALIVE

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FREE

WEEK 3

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group or Bible class.

This series is reminding us that the resurrection of Jesus means we do not have to stay entombed as we await his return. The gospel declares that we can be Alive + Free. So, we must change our minds about the reality of liberation. And that means our minds must change, because freedom's fight is launched from "headquarters."

1 What insight, principle or observation from this lesson did you find to be most helpful, or eye-opening? Explain.

2 Behind all bondage is a lie that is usually hard to see. And behind all lies is a liar who is definitely hard to see. Satan's primary strategy has always been deception.

Read Genesis 3:1-7 and 2 Corinthians 11:3. What are some of the lies Satan planted to lead Eve's mind astray? How does he do the same with us?

3 If we don't take Satan's lies captive, we will be taken captive by them. You cannot abolish slavery until you demolish strongholds. **Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.** What are some of the most common lies of the enemy? How do these lies become strongholds in our lives?

4 A stronghold can be removed because the mind can be renewed. **Read Ephesians 4:21-23 and Romans 12:1-2.** How does God renew our minds? What role do we play in cooperating with this process?

5 **Read Philippians 4:8-9.** The Bible tells us to take responsibility for our thoughts. How can the mind that is constantly being reloaded with propaganda contrary to the wisdom of God be renewed daily? How intentional are you about minding what enters your mind?

6 **Read 1 John 2:14.** How does the Word of God help us live in freedom? Compare how Jesus handled the deceiver in Matthew 4 compared to Eve in Genesis 3. What can you apply from how Jesus responded to the deceiver?

7 Are you tired of being captive to destructive thoughts and habits? Name what's holding you in bondage and start living in freedom.

ACTION STEP Read and reflect on this verse each morning this week as you begin your day, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things (Philippians 4:8). As you go throughout your day, think about what you think about and continually let the cross cross your mind."