

**Community Group Questions**  
**“Hold On”**  
**John 8:31-33**

**SERIES INTRODUCTION:**

Life is full of defining moments. Like landmarks on a road map, these moments mark key points along your life’s journey. A defining moment happens when you come face-to-face with a truth that invites you to change the way you live. It demands that you make a decision. And regardless of the choice you make, you will never be the same.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Abiding in His truth leads to greater trust in God.

**GETTING STARTED**

1. Right or wrong, we all have a picture of what we want God to be like. For each of the following areas of life, describe how you wish God would orchestrate things:

- In your finances:
- In your career:
- In your relationships:

2. A. W. Tozer was famously quoted as saying, “What comes into our minds when think of God is the most important thing about us.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? If yes, what big thoughts or truths do you hold about who God is?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

3. What are some misconceptions people have about God?
4. What are some truths we have seen people embrace or reject about God?
5. How have we attempted to shape God in our own image?
6. What consequence have you suffered by ignoring or avoiding God’s truth? What truths have set you free?

7. If a defining moment is embracing an uncomfortable truth, have you had that kind of defining moment?

8. Read Matthew 8:31-33 again. How can we know God's truth? Pay attention to the order to freedom. What comes first? Why is this the prerequisite to knowing God's truth?

9. What does Jesus mean here by truth setting us free? How are we not free? Read v33. Is this an accurate assessment of Israel during the time of Jesus? It was a statement, which showed their blindness, and if they were unwilling to see the reality of their physical or political circumstances, how blind were they to spiritual realities?

10. What point or truth struck you particularly poignant in the last message? Share.

### **THINK ABOUT IT**

11. For every distortion of God's truth, there is a corresponding consequence. Are there any consequences you've encountered already as a result of ignoring or avoiding the truth? What consequences might lie ahead if you don't face the truth now?

Share your prayer request and spend time praying for each other!

Replacing a distortion requires that we renew our minds to God's truth. You can begin by carrying God's Word with you throughout the day. Memorize Proverbs 3:5-6, and Matthew 8:31-32.