

Who's Your Father?

John 8:31-47

The truth that sets people free

Believing that Jesus is God just as He says He is.

Believing that Jesus is the Messiah. Your Messiah

Believing Jesus when He said if you do not place your faith in Him then you will die in your sins and face judgement.

Considerations for the week

Jesus says, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples" (v. 31). Explain what He means by this.

What truth sets people free – and free from what?

Jesus says, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (v. 34). Examine areas where people today believe they are free, yet actually live in bondage.

Distinguish being "in the house" from being a true son or daughter of God. Consider the false sources of confidence that people rely upon.

Jesus says, "If God were your Father, you would love me" (v. 42). How does this challenge modern claims of spirituality apart from Christ?

Jesus identifies their true father as the devil (v. 44). What desires or patterns reveal whether someone is aligned with God or with the enemy?

Jesus warns of consequences for those who believe lies about Him. Contemplate how His warning calls us to examine our faith with both seriousness and humility.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
– John 8:31-32, NIV

Scripture read today during worship:

John 8:31-47
Chronicles 29:12-14
Galatians 5:1

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymn, *My Testimony*

Hymn, *God of Wonders*

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper
Special music, *The Wonderful Cross*

Hymn, *Shout to the Lord*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Special music, *The Gentle Healer*

Message

Hymn of response, *Holy Forever*

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after the benediction, Cookies & Coffee in our fellowship hall

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
Reservations required.

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets next week, October 17

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Celebration Our church has served God here for eighty-five years. We will remember and celebrate here October 10, 2026, 4-7 pm. Please let us know if you're planning to dine with us, by contacting the church office or by scanning →



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