

## Discover:

### The (most) essential application.

(1 John 5:13)

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that** you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

- 1. It is possible to know where we are going and that is a wonderful thing.**
  - a. Not knowing: a lousy way to live.
  - b. Knowing: gives the Christian life certainty. (Heb 10:19-25)
  - c. You can grow in your capacity to know. (2 Peter 1:10, John 21:24, John 3)
- 2. For those who have been set free, they are free.**
  - a. Have you made a confession of faith? (Romans 10:9-10, 1 John 5:1)
  - b. Have there been changes in your life?
    - How you treat other people. (1 John 4)
    - How you tolerate sin. (1 John 3:4-9)
    - How you fit in the world. (1 John 3:10)
- 3. Knowing where we are going changes everything.**
  - a. We should preach the gospel to ourselves every day.
  - b. We should have assurance.
  - c. We should live like we have been forgiven and set free.

#### **Questions for application and discussion:**

1. Study Matt 13, the parable of the soils. What type of soil are you?
2. Is there a sin in your life that you feel is beyond God's capacity to forgive? What does Romans 8:1 mean when it says that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus? Are you living like you are "in"?