



Reformation Sunday

John 8:31-36

**“If you continue in my Word,
you are truly my disciples”**

NRSV Gets it Incorrect

The Greek word for
“abide”
is μένω (men-o).

One of John’s favorite words

John 17:3

Disciples Overhear Jesus Praying

**This is life: that they may know you (Father) and
that they would know Me**

Freedom

Permission to not be perfect

Freedom in Contrast with Sin

This is all about Relationship

To be FREE is to be bound to Jesus

John 8:33

**You mean you've forgotten
already?**

**The God who rescued you
from
.....wait for it.....**

Slavery

It seems to me to fit **Reformation thinking**

We must know our history

Or

We will claim a false brand

**...because we've forgotten who we really are
and to whom we belong.**

Worship on the mountaintop or in the Temple

**Jesus says a day will come when we will
worship in Spirit and Truth**

This Truth is not abstract

Truth = Jesus

God is REFORMING

God is creating all things new!

Could we join God in doing that here?

Equip the Saints

According to the Bible:

The prime pastoral mandate is not to do ministry for the church members, but to equip them to do ministry [Ephesians 4:11-12].

“I Don’t Know”

An invitation for them to share what they know and to join together in figuring something out.

Add “what do you think?”

**How Should Our Faith Shape
Our Daily Lives?**

Get more people involved in interpreting texts

Empower them to think for themselves

**Help them make the connections between faith
and daily life**

**Create a congregation where things that matter to
them can be safely discussed**

The Real Measure

The legacy we leave for others to build on.

No matter what position we hold or how long we've held it – It's NOT our church.

Pass on to future generations Christ's Church in better shape than we found her.