



# Small Group Study Guide for October 25, 2020

*Our Savior Lutheran Church and School*

**Theme:** Heart issues are Hard issues! And yet when the Lord brings us together in Christ, we have a unity in Him that allows us to work for great unity among each other. The unity in Christ is a reality created by God. It is lived out in our day to day lives as we seek to follow Jesus through the heart and hard issues.

## **Getting Started: (sharing with each other)**

1. If someone asked you, "Why was Martin Luther a big deal? What did he do to reform the church?" How would you share the story? See how much of the details you can pull together from your group as you recount the story of the Reformation.
2. When were you confirmed? If you have been confirmed, share the where, when, and any other details you remember about it.

## **In the Word: Read John 8:31-36 (a closer look at the text)**

3. Jesus talks about truly being His disciple. What is a disciple exactly?
4. Jesus told the Jews that He was going to set them free. But they pointed to their biological ancestry for their freedom / salvation. Why is their assertion in verse 33 misguided?
5. How does sin enslave us, as Jesus says in verse 34?
6. There is a big difference between being a son or daughter in the family and being a hired hand, or, as in Jesus' day, a household slave. Why is it so much better to be a son or daughter in the family than a hired worker?
7. How does Jesus set us free, as He says in verse 36?

