(1) Think about John 8:30-32.

As he (Jesus) was saying these things, many believed in him. So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide (continue to stay) in my word, you are truly my disciples, (student followers) and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

- What must one do, to be a real follower of Jesus?
- What two things happen to Jesus' followers who remain in his word?
- What truth will the real disciples of Jesus know?
   <u>John 1:17-18</u> ... grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

(2) Think about <u>John 8:32-36</u>.

(Jesus said) ... "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They (the Jews) answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

- The truth will set Jesus' followers free. What does the truth set them free from?
- How does knowing the truth of God set us free from slavery to sin?
  Ephesians 5:9 (... the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)

1John 1:5-9 This is the message we have heard from him (Jesus) and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ... If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

• Why can Jesus make someone really free from slavery to sin? (See John 8:32-36 quoted above.)

Hebrews 7:21-25 ... "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, 'YOU (Jesus) ARE A PRIEST FOREVER'"; ... Jesus, ... because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.