

What's the same about the updated edition?

The principles and primary content of this updated edition of *Keys to Freedom* are the very same as the first edition! This updated edition will take you through the same seven keys in the same order. Key scriptures are the same in both editions, and the vast majority of the reflection questions throughout the study have remained unchanged. Same biblical principles, same primary content, same freedom!

What's different about the updated edition?

While all the principles and primary content have remained unchanged, here are a few of the specific updates that have been made:

- Enhanced clarity to the wording in various portions
- A handful of new/enhanced reflection questions throughout the study
- A few new stories and examples are shared throughout. We feel strongly about the effectiveness of this study for both women and men. As such, we wanted to include a few new stories/examples that would more directly connect with men!
- Some topics are built out more thoroughly. For example, in the first edition, we mention that there can be roadblocks in someone being able to hear and receive from God but felt the need to build out that topic a little more thoroughly. Another example is that we felt the need to address anger at God in a fuller way in this edition.
- A few sections have shifted from one week to another. For example, authority in Christ was taught in Key 1 of the first edition but has been moved to Key 6 in the updated edition. And on that note...
- There's a new title for Key 6! This key used to be titled "Choosing Freedom over Oppression" and is now "Using Your Authority in Christ" as we felt that this title more fully represented this specific key. (Again, this key's primary content has remained unchanged...just wanted some enhanced clarity behind the title!)
- An updated cover and some new graphic elements inside the study!

Should I do the updated version now even if I've done the previous one?

We always encourage people to go through *Keys to Freedom* multiple times because there are always new levels/layers of freedom and healing that the Lord has available to you! If you've already worked through the first edition of the study but desire to go through the study again at some point, we'd encourage you to consider purchasing the updated edition as there will be a few new elements that might prove to be impactful for you. However, you do not HAVE to purchase the updated edition if you already have the first one! Again, same biblical principles, same primary content, same freedom!

If going through the study in a group, can some group members use the first edition and others use the updated edition?

If going through *Keys to Freedom* with a group, you all should be using the same edition. Page numbers for specific keys/topics will be different in each edition, and there will be some content and reflection questions in the new edition that are not in the first edition and vice versa. It would be extremely challenging to try and work through this study with someone who is utilizing a different edition!

Has the Keys to Freedom Leader Guide been updated as well?

Yes! You will notice a new look (and size) of the updated Leader Guide, and we have made some significant edits to this guide to make it much more user-friendly for leaders! Here are a few of the updates that we are most excited about:

- Updated (and some NEW) content in the front of the Leader Guide that helps prepare and equip leaders to be effective and to have a successful group experience
- A new section at the beginning of each week that gives leaders an overview of what will be covered and what to expect for the coming week's study
- Simplified group meeting outlines and reflection questions for leaders
- A new process for identifying discussion questions for group meetings. Instead of leaders having to bounce between their *Keys to Freedom* study and Leader Guide books during group meetings, all recommended group discussion questions in the study are now marked with a leaf graphic!

What about the Keys to Freedom Mentor Guide?

While the concept of having mentors for study participants can certainly always be utilized, it is no longer a formal piece of the *Keys to Freedom* resource. As such, the Mentor Guide will no longer be sold as part of this series.

Is there anything else being released?

Yes! We are so excited to be releasing some additional resources along with this updated version of the study!

- Lots of new / updated leader training videos! The web page designed for *Keys to Freedom* leaders will include a whole new library of videos created to further educate and equip leaders of the study. We will continue to grow and add to this video library over time!
- *Keys to Freedom* Teaching Series! This new video series is a way to introduce people to the principles that we share in our *Keys to Freedom* study! While this video series will cover the same seven keys to freedom, these videos will not give as comprehensive of an understanding of the keys as the study does and are, by no means, a replacement for the study. However, over the years, we have received requests from people who are interested in learning more about the principles in *Keys to Freedom* but are not yet ready to take a deep dive into the 8-week study. We have also been contacted by *Keys to Freedom* study leaders looking for videos that could be utilized in a group discussion with their small group. These videos are our response to these requests. Since the content in these videos comes straight from the study itself, they don't particularly need to be used in conjunction with the study. However, if you are leading a group through the study, you could consider using these videos to begin your group meetings to recap what the group has read and studied during that previous week. You will be able to purchase this video series once the updated edition has been released on Mercy's online store at **store.mercymultiplied.com**.

If you have any questions or need additional information about this updated edition, don't hesitate to reach out to Mercy's Outreach team at **outreach@mercymultiplied.com**.