

WEEK 3 - FREEDOM

This Facilitator Guide will help you lead conversation. [Brackets] indicate simple cues for you, as a facilitator, and are not intended to be read aloud.

CONVERSATION STARTER

[This ice breaker is about helping people to learn to share. It really doesn't matter if you have new people in your group or not. It will be something fun to do to get the discussion going.]

Take 5 minutes and find at least 2 of the following items in your wallet or purse: Something that:

- You've had a long time.
- You're proud of.
- Reveals a lot about you.

[Have each person share the first item. Go around again on the second item, and again until you have gone through each one.]

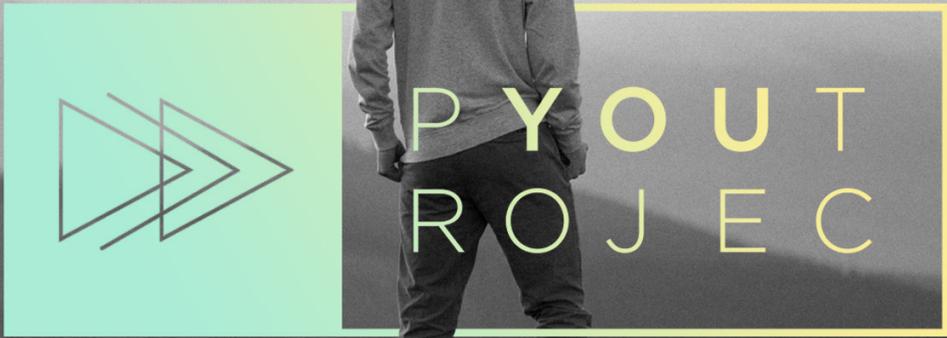
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are some things that keep us from not being free? [Many people will gravitate to spiritual, relational, or emotional answers such as, fear, sin, broken relationships, insecurity, or a wrong view of God. These are certainly worth identifying. However, don't forget things like, lack of education, lack of money, lack of medical care, or even lack of clean drinking water or food.]

Read Galatians 4:7. This is great news! However, many of us believe this truth superficially. Why is it that many of us who have come to the Lord still act like we are bound in certain areas of our life? What keeps us from experiencing true freedom in these areas?

Read Galatians 5:1. [Using some of the answers from the first question, ask:] What are some ways we can stand firm and not submit to a yoke of slavery regarding _____?

In this week's sermon the statement was made, "What you have is enough when Jesus is in it!" Give an example in your life where you have seen this to be true. Give an example from your life where you struggle to believe this truth. Why do you struggle?



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PRAY

[Easter is just a few weeks away. Start encouraging your group to bring someone with them to the Easter service. (Note: Which would you rather happen? Someone passing out 100 invitations for Easter or the same person bringing one person that needs Jesus with them?) Spend some time discussing what you can do to bring someone? (Offer to take them to dinner after church...have a cookout and invite them to join you after church...offer to pick someone up and bring them with you. etc.) Then, pray for the people you'd like to bring to church with you on Easter.