FROM THE WELL, TO THE WORLD

God's Unlikely Plan For Reaching His People

Week #3 Freedom



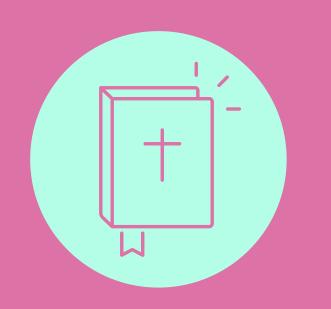
+ Contents How To Lead Your YCI Club



Play Play a game together.

Pray

Spend time praising and thanking God in prayer.



Grow

Learn from Scripture about who God says He is

and how we should respond to Him.



Go

Look for opportunities to share the Gospel, and serve others in your community with your YCI club members.



Tips For Using This Curriculum

Three Recommendations As You Lead Your Friends In Playing, Praying, Growing & Going

1) FAMILIARIZE

Prior to your weekly YCI club gatherings, spend time reading the curriculum to make sure you understand the game and devotional. Leading is easier when you are well-prepared!

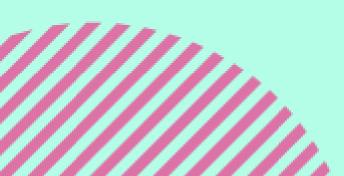
2) ORGANIZE

The "Grow" portion of the YCI Club Curriculum gives you the "pieces" for a devotional, but it is up to you to put the pieces together. You may want to give "Book, Hook, Look & Took" a try:

 Book: Read the Bible verses.
 Hook: Share a brief personal story or idea that relates to the Scripture.
 Look: Share the context of the Scripture.
 Took: Share the takeaways from the "Learn & Apply" section.

3) CUSTOMIZE

Since every YCI club is different, it is important that you modify this content to fit your context. If you need help with this, we encourage you to reach out to your club's Campus Mentor!





Play

EXCUSES EXCUSES

First, one person should be chosen as the "Teacher" (it's great if your club's Teacher Sponsor wants to fill this role, but it isn't required). Next, one person should be chosen as the "Student". Once the Teacher and Student are determined, the rest of the YCI club should choose one person as the "Excuse Master." The Excuse Master's job is to make up a ridiculous reason why the Student is late for class (playing in a mariachi band, chased by a bear, etc.) and discreetly share the excuse with the rest of the group without the Student hearing it. Next, the Teacher and Student should face each other, while the rest of the YCI club (including the Excuse Master) silently acts out the excuse behind the Teacher. The Teacher's job is to start a countdown for one minute while the Student tries to interpret the excuse being silently acted out by the rest of the club. If the Student correctly guesses the excuse within the given timeframe, they win the game. This process can continue for as long as time allows!





Ask God For His Will To Be Done In These Areas:



CLUB TIME

Pray that God will speak to everyone in the room through His Word.



GROUP NEEDS

Take time to discuss and pray over the personal needs and requests of those in

attendance.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Ask God to move in situations that are unique to your school and community.



<u>Where We're Going:</u> <u>A Closer Look At John 4:7-30</u>

When the religious leaders discovered that Jesus' followers were baptizing more people than John the Baptist, Jesus decided to leave Judea and travel to Galilee (John 4:3). Samaria, the region wedged between Judea and Galilee, was frequently avoided by Jewish travelers due to prejudice. Samaritans were often viewed as "lesser citizens" because of their mixed heritage. Jesus' disciples would have expected Him to take the longer route and avoid the region, but Jesus knew He had a predestined conversation waiting for Him with a Samaritan woman. This conversation transformed the way she viewed God, herself and those around her.

In "From The Well, To The World", we're

going to examine four things Jesus gives to the Samaritan woman:

Week #1: Fulfillment (John 4:7-18)
Week #2: Forgiveness (John 4:16-26)
Week #3: Freedom (John 4:25-30)
Week #4: Focus (John 4:25-30)

Through this study, our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus and equip you to share His message with the world!



Grow: Read

<u>John 4:25-30 (ESV)</u>

"25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." 27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" **30** They went out of the town and were" coming to him."





How Can We Walk In Freedom?

See Jesus For Who He Is

When Jesus revealed His identity as Messiah (John 4:26), the woman's eyes were opened to the importance of the moment. She was standing in the presence of the Son of God. Not only did He create her, but He knows everything about her and loves her anyway. When we truly understand the magnitude of God's grace, it puts our struggles in perspective!

Be Honest With Where You Are

When Jesus called out the woman's sin, she didn't deny it. She even went so far as to acknowledge to the town that Jesus knew about her difficult past. We can't be set free from something that we pretend doesn't exist!

Go Make Difficult Decisions

When the woman "left her water jar" (John 4:28), she was leaving behind the water that would make her "thirsty again" (John 4:13). When she went to tell her neighbors about Jesus, it's important to remember that they would have been aware of her problematic past. She was willing to leave behind belongings and face awkward situations if it meant she was obeying Christ!



Grow: Discuss

Let's Talk About This

Small Group Questions (If Time Allows)

<u>Question #1</u>

What is one thing that "jumped out" to you while reading John 4:25-30?

<u>Question #2</u>

If you feel comfortable sharing with the group, what is one thing you would like Jesus to set you free from? It can be a sinful habit, intrusive thoughts or anything that hinders you from walking in your purpose.

Question #3

What are some practical things we can do practice walking in freedom on a daily basis?





Before You GO





GO

Living in the freedom Jesus purchased for us on the cross requires that we see Him for who He is, be honest with where we are and be willing to make difficult decisions.

Sharing Truth

Who is someone in your life that needs to hear about what we discussed today?

Pray for them, and find time this week to encourage them.

Meeting Needs



What is something your YCI club can do to show God's love this semester?





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