

SESSION 9: WRAP UP

Welcome and Program Overview (Facilitator): 10 minutes Session #9 Teaching: Wrap Up 10 minutes

The focus of this program was to help you live out YOUR freedom as a chosen child of God. It is our hope that you have a better understanding of your identity in Jesus Christ and that you have experienced that freedom by stepping away from the things that hold you back (Egypt), removing your negative thinking, forgiving others and repenting from the sins that kept you in bondage. By writing out and sharing your stories, I hope you feel equipped to share with others about how Jesus has granted you NEW life. If you haven't been baptized, I hope you also consider this very important step! By joining in baptism, we're identifying ourselves with Him. **Romans 6:4** says we have been buried with Him through baptism into death. We're now dead to the power of sin. Being raised up out of the water expresses our new life in **Christ** and our union with Him. This entire study can be summed up by the meaning of baptism, which is centered on the word, "**identification.**" In **Romans 6:3-4** the Apostle Paul puts the matter this way: "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Today, in your small groups, you will discuss how life has changed for you and what radical changes might still need to happen for you to find freedom as a child of God. Please end strong and be open and honest about your continued journey and how the group can come along side you, hold you accountable and continue to pray for each other's growth! Lastly, PLEASE give us feedback on this study and how it can be improved to reach more people with the message of FREEDOM that it was intended to bring!

Thank you for your participation and we hope you will continue your journey in another LIFE Study!

Small Group Discussion: 25 minutes

Also, reflect back on this program and talk about how your perspective is different:

- What is MORE important to now?
- How have your beliefs shifted?
- Is your heart different for Jesus? Do you FEEL Him? Why or why not?
- How will you interact with God differently?
- What are the radical changes you need and how will you execute these changes

Final Group Discussion: How can this study be improved?: 15 minutes

- What are the top THREE takeaways from this study?
- What about this study could be improved to have MORE IMPACT?
- Was the LIFE Method of Journaling helpful and did you actually do it? Why or why not?
- Would you refer others for this class? Why or why not?
- Are you ready to participate in the NEXT PBC LIFE program?

Continue the LIFE Starters Journey

The Apostle Paul encourages us to continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in us that causes us to act according to His good purpose. Use the **LIFE Starter journaling method** that this study ignited, to continue to move ahead in Christ!

SESSION 9: Weekly Devotional Day 1

Read Philippians 2:12-18

God has placed His Holy Spirit in you to accompany you on a life-long journey to spiritual maturity. Working through this study should have given you a measure of personal and spiritual freedom. In addition, your spiritual ears should be better tuned to listen; but it is still **up to you to listen and obey**—one step at a time, one day at a time. Your freedom in Christ must now be maintained AND you must continue to mature in Christ.

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SESSION 9: Weekly Devotional Day 2

Read Hebrews 10:19-39

Continue the habit of having “quiet time” with God EVERY day. Expand your quiet time and make more room in your schedule for Jesus.

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SESSION 9: Weekly Devotional Day 3

Read 2 Corinthians 10:5

Commit yourself to regular conversation with God. Prayer is simply a two-way conversation—you talk to God and then you listen for Him to talk to you, using Listening Prayer! **Don't tolerate negative thinking**— take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. **Battle for your family in prayer!**

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SESSION 9: Weekly Devotional Day 4

Read Ephesians 6:10-20

Establish new patterns of thinking that are based on God’s Truth; don’t drift back to the old ways. Understand that there is a BATTLE for you and your family and the enemy wants to bring you down. Don’t expect other people to fight your battles for you. Dream with God about YOUR future destiny each day. Continue to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for your blessings and Godly beliefs each day

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