

## WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: The Joy/Joy to the World, This is Amazing Grace, Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me, Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

## WELCOME

What's the best definition of freedom can you come up with?

### *READ IT!*

## WORD

### **GALATIANS 5:16-26 (Read the verses 1-15 as well)**

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. <sup>19</sup> Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

### *PARAPHRASE IT!*

Restate the verses in your own words.

### *TALK ABOUT IT!*

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about true freedom?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

### *POINT IT OUT*

**FREE IN CHRIST** (Galatians 5:1-4, John 8:34,36, Romans 7:19, 24-25, Romans 8:1-2, John 8:32, James 2:10, Acts 15:10-11, Ephesians 2:8-9)

**FREE TO LOVE** (Galatians 5:5-9, 13-14, Romans 13:9-10, Colossians 2:16-17, Romans 14:1-2, 5-6)

**FREE TO LIVE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT** (Galatians 5:16-23)

### *APPLY IT!*

## WORKS

Based on this lesson on "BE TRULY FREE" write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

## PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that more people in our country will find true freedom in Christ. Be a shining light of God's grace and truth wherever you are. Live out godly convictions and demonstrate God's grace in relationships. Share the gospel especially during this Christmas season as you celebrate with family and friends.

## WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God's Word.
- PRAY for the protection, safety and release of kidnapped American Christian missionary, Kevin, serving in Niger (West Africa). For God to turn the hearts of the kidnappers to repentance and salvation. Peace and comfort for Kevin's family.
- Pray for persecuted Christians in Sudan and Nigeria) --- many have been beheaded and murdered; earnestly seek God's intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God's word and His people bring them comfort and hope.
- PRAISE God that the rest of the living Israeli hostages have been restored to their families safely! Continue to pray that the last remaining dead hostage will be returned to his family for burial.
- For Israel's war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory. For Jewish people worldwide who are experiencing a surge of antisemitism; may this lead them to the Messiah, Jesus as they turn to God for help and comfort.
- For protection of Iranian, Syrian and Lebanese Christians and other minorities, and freedom from oppression. Pray for the gospel to spread rapidly throughout their region.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented.
- Fire victims and their families in Hong Kong.

### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God, and make disciples
- For elders, pastors, deacons, and families to become holy, humble, harmonious, happy, and heart-working)
- For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

## MEMORY VERSE

### Galatians 5:16

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