

Pre-Encounter Class 003 – Walking in Your Freedom

Overview:

The main point of this lesson is to establish a basic understanding of the doctrine of deliverance, and to begin to explore in our lives where we may need this ministry. It is extremely important that the power of the cross/Jesus Christ is put in its proper place as being far, far, far greater than any demonic power and that participants do not come away with any fear but an expectation of walking in freedom.

Notes:

Luke 4:17-19 – The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD’S favor has come.”

One of the most basic themes of the scriptures is _____ - Jesus died so that we could be free!

Ephesians 6:11, 12 – Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

We must understand that there is a _____ realm and that there is a spiritual _____ going on.

- Just as there are angels, there are demons who _____ us.
- We are in a spiritual _____!

There are many examples in the New Testament where Jesus delivered people from the power of demonic spirits.

Even though we are Christians, demonic spirits can still harass us if there are open doors in our lives, and we need to experience the ministry of deliverance.

Demons can have access to oppress us because of:

- a) Sin we’ve _____.
- b) _____ we’ve endured.
- c) Things that happened in our _____ in the past.

When we receive Jesus the **power of freedom is released** but we still need to face and deal with these type of _____ (close the door).

- Sometimes, particularly when the sin/wounding is deep, there is demonic opposition to the advance of freedom.
- A brother or sister in Christ can sometimes help us in this process by praying with us and taking authority over these spirits that are battling us.

Questions: What are some of the open doors that you recognize in your life?

Some Steps to Walking in Freedom

- 1) _____ to walk in the freedom that Jesus paid for (Matt.7:7).

- 2) Identify the _____ of bondage (Ps. 139:23,24).
- 3) Confess and _____ of all known sin.
 - Repentance is a complete change of heart, mind and direction.
 - Deliverance is not a substitute for repentance.
- 4) Have faith - _____ (Heb. 11:6).
- 5) Embrace the _____ (John 8:31-32).
 - Many times we stay in bondage because of lies that we have believed...for example: eating disorders are connected to lies regarding your image.
 - Deliverance is not a substitute for embracing and believing the truth of God's word – it works in conjunction with it.
- 6) Prayer and _____ (Matt.17:21).

James 4:7 – Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee.

- Emphasize that if we submit to God, we will resist the devil and he will have to flee

At one point during the Encounter Weekend we are going to have a freedom session where we do ' _____ ', and make sure every demonic bondage and influence in our lives completely broken and cleared out.

- We need to make sure that we (with the help of the Holy Spirit) thoroughly examine our lives for any open doors for demonic influence.
- We do not need to have any fear – demons are 'little pip-squeaks' compared to Jesus Christ – do not put a major focus on them but on him.

Homework:

- Take a look at your life and list any major changing events, traumas, or things that have shaped you negatively
- Examine your family and note any generational sicknesses, habits and/or reoccurring cycles.
- Ask the LORD to show you (and journal) any areas of bondage that He wants you to be free from this coming weekend.

Scripture Memorization (write it out below):

- **Luke 4:17-19**
- **James 4:7**
