

Objective: I am an evidence of grace part 1 by Ps. Indra

Our theme for 2017 is Write Your Story. We want you to write a great story by the end of 2017 in every aspect of your life, whether it's your study, your relationship, your parenting, your family, your health, your financial, your ministry, and many more. To help you in writing your best story, we want to equip you with the solid truth from the Bible.

This week we will learn **The One who loves, that we are beloved in Christ and we don't need to earn any favor or anything good that comes from God.** The truth is once we believed in Jesus as our true and only savior, there is a spiritual exchange that happens in that instant. We are then no longer called as slave but as as children of God, we are adopted as His sons and daughters and hence we become His heir in this world and also later in heaven. That comes only by faith alone without any good works that merit us to earn from the Father. This assurance will give us the freedom that God knows what's best for us and will never be late in taking care of us whether we are doing well or not so well in our lives. Therefore, when we experience and live in this truth, the right response of faith when it comes to treat others is we will have the freedom to give people space and time in their journey. We don't let people earn (don't give what they deserve, but what they need). The freedom that is in you through Christ has set you free, and free indeed.

WELCOME

Name Bingo

You'll need to create a name bingo sheet, so basically a 4 x 4 or 5 x 5 grid of personal statements. For example, "has long hair" or "has more than 5 siblings" or "has travelled overseas" etc

Hand these people bingo sheets out to each person and give them a pen, and then send them off to mingle and find people that fit in the gaps. Each player can only use another person once on their sheet. So the game can either finish when someone collects a name for the entire grid.

Alternatively, the game can continue and bingo can be played after everyone has completed their grids. So a leader would start reading out the names of the youth group kids and then they would need to cross off a name when it has been called - if they get 4 in a row - they win!

You could use this several different ways. You could make up a grid with the names of the people who are regulars to your youth group and leave a few blank spaces to add visitors names-use as an ice breaker to help everyone get to know each other or you could use it with the book of the Bible--put on grid in order so they will get use to seeing them in order and they could learn the books of the Bible this way. And play either one the way you would play regular bingo-

You can combine this with Bible questions. Such as "some one who can name the 5 major prophets of the Old Testament." "Someone who has memorized at least 10 Bible verses." "Someone who has not missed Sunday school in over a month." etc. So it was a nice combination of things about them, goes to the same school, likes to walk barefoot in mud, does not like amusement park rides, etc.

WORSHIP

Take time to pray for one another and let the Spirit move free.

WORD

Galatians 5:1 (NLT) *So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.*

He died so we can live in freedom. He wants to set us free from negative emotions. From depression, stress, worries, fears

Many of us we do not understand the freedom that we have.

You said that you are free, but you don't look like you are free.

Jesus wants you to come before, not after you clean up your act

John 8:32 (NKJV) *"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

God counted Jesus who was always good enough to be not good enough so that He can see us more than good enough for Him.

Colossians 2:8 (NIV) *See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.*

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV) *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.*

Your negative emotions often come not from what is true but from what you believe to be true. Free your mind. Free your life.

What you believe is powerful, it dictates your emotions, and finally your actions. Know the truth. Know freedom.

Psalms 119:130 (NLT) *The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.*

WARMTH

1. Can you share what you have learned from today's Word?
2. In your sentence, what does it mean that "God loves you just as you are and not as you should be."?
3. To apply this truth, how do you want to do it to the people around you?

WORK

Take time to watch a sermon from Joseph Prince about: Accepted in the beloved, empowered to succeed (<https://youtu.be/qXSsh6vzybw>) in youtube this week.