



Introduction:

Talk about MERGE Night

SMALL GROUP Night

FREEDOM

Freedom happens within the context of SMALL GROUPS

In Student Ministry we believe CIRCLES ARE BETTER THAN ROWS

FREEDOM:

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

Jesus freed us from:

-fear

-shame

-addictions

-so we can through Him, overcome sin

Why did Jesus free you?

Jesus freed you so that you could experience the **Promises of God** at work in and through your life.

PROMISE:

What are the Promises of God?

1 Corinthians 15:57 New International Version (NIV)

Victory:

⁵⁷ ...He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:27 New International Version (NIV)

Peace:

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

Proverbs 4:22 New International Version (NIV)

Health:

²² words of God are health to one's whole body.



2 Timothy 1:7 New International Version (NIV)

Love:

⁷ For the Spirit God gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Psalm 91:10 New International Version (NIV)

Protection

¹⁰ no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

Romans 15:13

Joy

May the God of hope fill you with all **joy** and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 9:8 New International Version (NIV)

Abundance:

⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Joshua 1:8 New International Version (NIV)

Success:

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

THE PART WE PLAY:

It's important to understand we play a part in seeing these promises work in and through our life.

If we want peace: Don't let our hearts be troubled

If we want protection: Then we have to say the Lord is my refuge and make Him our most High Dwelling

If we want joy: We receive it as we trust in Him

So what's the combination for us to see God's Promises Unlocked in our life?



2 Peter 1:3-8,10 New Living Translation (NLT)

³By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

⁵In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

⁸The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁰...Do these things, and you will never fall away. ¹¹Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The combination to unlock God's Promises in your life is simple...not easy but it's simple.

-Moral Excellence

-Knowledge

-Self-Control

-Patient Endurance

-Godliness

-Brotherly Affection

-Love