

Freedom Launch Plan

1. PRAY PRAY PRAY!
2. The first step would be to get your Senior Pastor's blessing to start this Ministry.
3. Reach out and get a picture and lens through another church. Here at Bayside, we visited 5 churches. This will help you to be sure you have multiple views on how this can be done aligning with the DNA of your church.
4. Formulate your curriculum. Here at Bayside, we are happy to resource you with ours and you can take it and make it your own.
5. Decide if it will be a part of your Growth Track or a separate ministry. Ours is the final week of our Growth Track rolling into a 6 week small group experience that culminates with Freedom (Saturday).
6. Start your first group with High-level staff/leaders to create a trickle-down effect. It is important for you all to be unified in this process starting with your Senior Pastors.
7. Begin to pray and recruit potential leaders who will carry the torch and be a part of your second beta group. This will be your mature leaders who have had a lot of experience leading groups and are mature in their faith. Ours go through an interview process with our Campus Groups Director. We can resource you with the Leader Training Guide that we use here at Bayside.
8. What a My Freedom Group looks like:
 - 10-14 participants make a nice size group
 - 2 Leaders- Husband/Wife or 2 males, or 2 females
 - Types of Groups: Woman's, Men's, Everyone/Married
 - We have found that 90 minutes is sufficient for group time.
 - Each group has 3 components: Self Study (ours is a 5-day devotional style), Group Share Time, and Pastoral Teaching Videos
 - Atmosphere: chairs are in a circle and leaders arrive in advance to pray over every chair.
 - Participants share what the Holy Spirit has revealed to them during the week's study.
 - We ask that participants attend at least 4 of the 6 sessions in order to attend Freedom (Saturday). This ensures that they are prepared and ready! For specific circumstances, we have had group leaders make up sessions with participants that had to miss for good reason.
9. At the completion of the 6 week Freedom Study Group, all of our campuses come together for a paid (\$29) global one-day Freedom (Saturday) that includes live worship, 4 sessions (see below), ministry time after the 4 sessions (with prayer partners and interactive stations), food/snacks, and we provide childcare for a minimal cost. We also have Ministry stations set up in the room for:
Communion (Prayer), Baptism sign up, extra Ministry time (Care), Forgiveness (Cross). Each participant also receives a workbook that aligns to each session and has space to take notes.
 - This day is broken up into 4 sessions communicated by those who have been through the Communicators Workshop. This could be a Pastor or those leaders who were asked to attend the workshop.

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- Our 4 sessions are: Holy Spirit, Life Wounds, 99 Lies and Press On.
 - Intercessory Prayer Room: assigned volunteer groups are in this room praying during all of the sessions. We HIGHLY recommend this for your church! There are 2 team leads for each session that keep the prayer going!
 - There are a few ways we partner with our CARE Departments. One is they provide the training for the ministry time prayer partners. They are on-site and represented at each weekend for those that need additional care/support both then and in the future.
 - Volunteers: There is a coordinator who prays through and assigns serve positions for the weekend. There are many areas to serve which include but are not limited to: Greeter Team, Check-In Team, Food Team, Childcare Hosts and Workers, Photo Team, Baptism Team (we offer this at the end of every Saturday), Ministry Time Prayer Partners, Intercessory Prayer Room Leads, Interactive Station Team, Production Team, Worship Team, Usher Team, and Set-Up and Tear Down Team.
 - Team Meeting for Volunteers is the Friday night before the event. This is used as a time to get them prepared to serve. We require volunteers to attend this meeting to get their hearts ready!
10. During Week 7 the group gets back together to celebrate all God has done through this process and fellowship with a meal. This is also a good time to present options for them to get involved in serving, be a part of a regular group, and pursue next steps that the Holy Spirit is leading them to.