

What's Holding You Back?: God of Breakthrough

2 Samuel 5:17-20

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Icebreaker: Share a high/low from the past couple of weeks

STUDY GUIDE

Read 2 Samuel 5:17-25

Each person share about one of the following questions

- What did you like about this passage?
- What didn't you like or made you uncomfortable about this passage?
- What didn't you understand about this passage?
- What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

God Is the God of Breakthrough. He knows what holds us captive, and desires to bring freedom into our lives even more than we do.

- What does the name Baal-perazim ("the Lord who bursts through") reveal about God's character?
- When you think about an area of your life where you need breakthrough, do you naturally believe God wants to bring freedom there? Why or why not?

Sometimes things that hold us captive can become so familiar and comfortable that we no longer recognize them as something we need to be freed from.

- Why can it be difficult to recognize or admit that something has become a stronghold in our lives?
- Is there an area of your life where you may have become comfortable with something God wants to change?

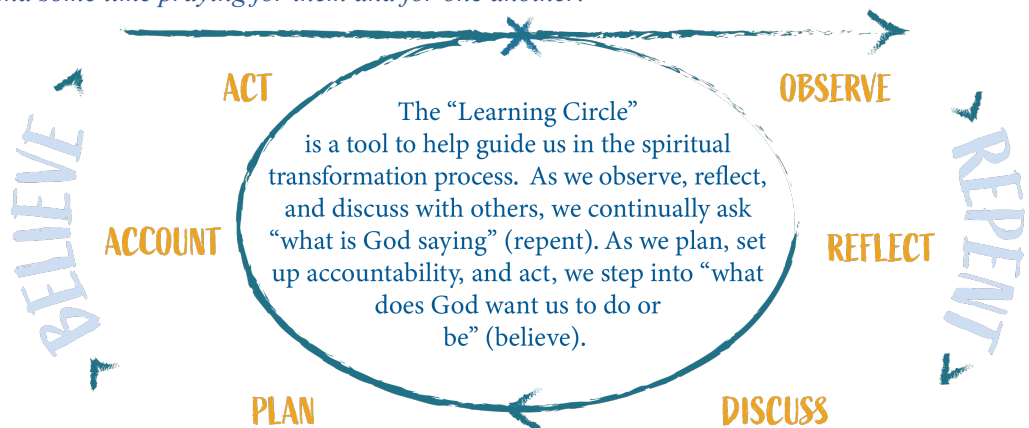
Christ sets us free not simply to escape our past, but to live fully for God's Kingdom.

- How does Galatians 5:1—"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free"—change the way you think about freedom?
- What might God want you to do with the freedom He is giving you?

What got your attention during the message/discussion this week?

- Why did it get your attention? (Did something make you mad, sad, glad or go hmm?)
- What might God be saying to you about this?
- What might God be saying to do/be about this?
- What ways do you need to step more fully into a true follower of Jesus?

Before you leave, go around and name someone in your life who needs Christ. Spend some time praying for them and for one another.



Message Notes

Prayer Prompts

- Pray that God will continue to reveal HIS vision for BREAKTHROUGH at Peoples.
- Ask God to make each of us more and more hungry for BREAKTHROUGH.
- Ask God to bless our new Prayer Initiative and to raise up prayer warriors who will intercede on behalf of Peoples.
- Offer God at least one praise for something He accomplished this week.