

Jesus Frees Us Chairperson's Guide

Welcome Statement

Chairperson: My name is [Insert Name], and I am a Child of God. [Insert Church Name] welcomes you to Jesus Frees Us, our 12-step recovery and discipleship program, where we find freedom through Christ and offer hope and support to those afflicted by addictive and compulsive behaviors for the common goals of continuous sobriety and a closer walk with Jesus.

Prayer Requests/Praises

Chairperson: Before we open this meeting with prayer, do you have any prayer requests or praises? Does anybody want to share some of the challenges or victories in your life this week? [*Say opening prayer*]

Praise

Chairperson: *[Invite worship leaders up, if present. If playing videos, start videos]* Will you all please stand and join in worship with us?

Dismiss Kids

Chairperson: Kids are dismissed to childcare. *[Give directions on where the children are to go, if childcare is available.]*

Announcements

Chairperson: *[Announce that Narcan, Snacks, and Coffee are available. Announce church services and events, AA/NA meetings, etc.]*

12 Step or Spiritual Principle Lesson

Chairperson: *[Introduce Speaker]*

Steps and Principles/Bible Verses

Chairperson: We've asked two people to read the steps, principles, and Bible verses. *[Cue the slides]*

Introduce Speaker For Testimony

Chairperson: *[Call on friend or family member who was chosen to introduce the speaker]*

Celebrate Periods of Sobriety

Chairperson: Here at Jesus Frees Us, we celebrate periods of sobriety with a chip, a hug, or a handshake.

Would anybody like to surrender your heart to Jesus and come pick up a wooden cross? Would anyone like to surrender to a new way of life with a 24-hour surrender chip? Is anyone celebrating 1 month of continuous sobriety? *[Ask for months 2-9, 1 year, 18 month, multiple years]* We want to offer the 24-hour surrender chip and the wooden cross again if you're interested in a new way of life.

Pass the Donation Basket

Chairperson: We will now pass the basket. Your contributions will be used for coffee, snacks, and chips to celebrate periods of sobriety. *[Pass the basket.]*

Altar Call/Individual Prayer

Chairperson: [*Invite worship leaders up, if present. If playing videos, start videos*] If there is anything on your heart, the altar is now open for us to pray with you or if you want to pray by yourself.

Closing Statement/Closing Prayer

Chairperson: We thank you for coming! Please feel welcome to stay and fellowship with us; we would love to be part of your support network. Would home group members please raise your hand? If you have any thoughts of using or would like this to be your home group, please talk to one of us. Don't forget to take some Narcan. Please bow your heads as we close in prayer. [*Pray or call on someone to pray.*] Have a blessed day!