



Discipleship

Prayer

Bible Study

Leadership

Service

Freedom for Youth Ministries

Journey

Development Program



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FOR YOUTH**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is at the heart of after-school and summer programming at Freedom for Youth Ministries. While it may take years for that seed to germinate, when a high school student in our Journey program decides to give their life to Jesus, we encourage and support that desire with a year of intentional discipleship.

The Freedom for Youth Journey Development Program nurtures newfound faith with a year of focused discipleship including Bible study, prayer, leadership development, service, and mentor support. Additional instruction in practical subjects include acquiring a passport, graduation preparation, college visits, and raising support for an international mission trip.

The Faith Journey

High school juniors or seniors who desire to participate in the program form a separate small group led by the program facilitator throughout the year of the program. Students meet for an hour each week, in addition to an hour each week in their skills classes, to work through a curriculum that begins with vision casting and an assessment session to determine where students are in their faith journey and where they need greater support and development. The Freedom program facilitator walks alongside students as they develop healthy habits that lead to greater independence in their faith walk.

Discipleship topics include:

- Choosing a mentor
- Personal values
- Prayer & evangelism
- Quiet time & music
- Compassion & mercy
- Community service
- Anger & fear

- Purity & relationships
- Spiritual warfare
- The Great Commission

Students may also acquire personal development skills such as financial literacy, graduation preparation, college planning and visits, identifying future employment training opportunities, or finding a church family to support their faith walk,

Mission-Ready

At the end of their year of training, students may flex their mission muscles by participating in a week-long

mission trip to Dominican Republic, organized by Time Ministries, the Iowa-based organization that connects short-term mission teams with local churches in the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Haiti. The students plan and prepare for the summer mission trip—including practical preparation like obtaining passports and raising financial support—alongside their discipleship.

They return excited about their experience and motivated to apply their new mission mindset to everyday life in their community, their church, and at Freedom for Youth.



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