



JOB DESCRIPTION: FREEDOM GROUP MEMBER

Friend, welcome to the Freedom Groups at The Summit Church. We are grateful that you have welcomed us into your life at this time. It is never easy to ask for help. We admire the courage, faith, and humility this first step represents on your part. It is our prayer that God will bless this step and use our time together to build more hope and direction into your life.

Freedom groups are struggle-specific small groups where individuals commit to investing a season of their life in overcoming a particular life-dominating struggle of sin or suffering.

As members of the same Freedom Group, seeking the life God has for us, and recognizing our dependence on God we ask that if you commit to this group you will...

... admit that your struggle is larger than you can handle without God and your fellow believers;

At the beginning of the Freedom Group experience, we are asking you to say,

“Not addressing my suffering would be more costly than anything God would take me through in the pursuit of His freedom. God is good for bringing me to the point of addressing my suffering. Therefore, I will put myself in the best physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual position possible to face my suffering.”

... maintain a humble disposition evidenced by a willingness to learn and be challenged;

... complete the group study material each week (usually taking 30-60 minutes); \$ _____ cost of materials

... participate in the group discussion with honesty and transparency by...

- ... maintaining the confidentiality of what is said,
- ... being honest about your own temptations, failures, and fears,
- ... answering group questions only about your own experience,
- ... allowing others to point out contradictions or omissions in your statements,
- ... speaking to restore a person, not correct a wrong when addressing another's statement,
- ... exhibiting patience and grace for where others are in their process of change,
- ... refraining from offensive language and profanity;

... complete the personal study and accompanying counseling objectives at your own pace.

... interact with an accountability-encouragement partner at least 2-3 times per week outside of group to discuss struggle and personal study progress.

... summarize your conversations with your accountability-encouragement partner during the group accountability and prayer time.

... pray for each member of the group regularly during the week.

... remember that Freedom Groups are not counseling and what is offered is not professional-clinical advice.