

SMALL GROUPS

Leader Conversation Guide – Purpose in the Piercing

Main Idea

Freedom isn't just about going to heaven someday, it's about living free today. Through Jesus' suffering and the wounds He endured, God offers powerful and personal freedom for our body, mind, conscience, and heart. Each wound that Jesus received on His way to the cross represents a specific area where He brings healing and victory. This message walked through those wounds and showed us how to live in the freedom Jesus purchased through the cross.

Make It Practical

- **BELONG** – You don't have to be perfect to belong. You're part of God's family.
- **BELIEVE** – Believe in Jesus and the power of the cross. That belief brings lasting freedom.
- **BECOME** – Step into the healing that comes from understanding what Jesus did for you.
- **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** – Use your story and your freedom to help others find theirs.

The Wounds that Bring Freedom:

1. **The Whip** – Freedom in my **body**. “By His stripes we are healed.”
2. **The Thorns** – Freedom in my **mind**. Jesus wore a crown of thorns to bring us peace.
3. **The Nails** – Freedom in my **conscience**. Jesus took the nails to cover what we've done.
4. **The Spear** – Freedom in my **heart**. Jesus was pierced so our broken hearts could be healed.

Freedom isn't earned—it's received. It's already paid for.

Key Scripture

“But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.”

— Isaiah 53:5 NIV

Talk About It

1. What wound of Jesus stood out to you the most in this message and why?
2. Do you find it easier to believe Jesus died for your afterlife or your *everyday* life? Why?
3. What area of your life (body, mind, conscience, heart) do you most need freedom in right now?
4. Why do you think God designed healing to happen in community and not just in private moments?
5. Have you ever seen God bring healing to someone else through your story? If so, share it.
6. What does it practically look like to walk in freedom instead of guilt, fear, or shame?
7. What step can you take this week to embrace and live in the freedom Jesus already paid for?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for the cross—for every wound You took and every ounce of love You poured out. Help us to truly receive the healing You’ve already given us. Bring freedom to our bodies, peace to our minds, cleansing to our consciences, and healing to our hearts. Help us live free and make a difference in the lives of those around us. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Leader Tips

Don’t assume everyone in the group has fully received what Jesus has done for them—some are still carrying shame, fear, or brokenness. Be sensitive, and lead with vulnerability. Share your own story of healing or freedom. Encourage people to take a step, no matter how small. Remind them: **Freedom is a process, but it starts with faith.**