

## 1. Get Acquainted: Discovery – Connecting Seeing/Hearing (10 min)

- Seeing – Connecting with God’s Power and Creativity
  - What did you see this week that spoke of God’s power?
- Hearing – Connecting with God’s heart and passions
  - What did you hear this week that spoke of God’s love to you?

## 2. Worship: Who You Say I Am. Listen then Praise in Prayer (10 min)

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Who am I that the highest King	Yes, I am
Would welcome me?	In my Father's house
I was lost but He brought me in	There's a place for me
Oh, His love for me	I'm a child of God
Oh, His love for me	Yes, I am
Who the Son sets free	In my Father's house
Oh, is free indeed	There's a place for me
I'm a child of God	I'm a child of God
Yes, I am	Yes, I am
Free at last, He has ransomed me	I am chosen
His grace runs deep	Not forsaken
While I was a slave to sin	I am who You say I am
Jesus died for me	You are for me
Yes, He died for me	Not against me
Who the Son sets free	I am who You say I am
Oh, is free indeed	I am chosen
I'm a child of God	Not forsaken
Yes, I am	I am who You say I am
In my Father's house	You are for me
There's a place for me	Not against me
I'm a child of God	I am who You say I am
Yes, I am	I am chosen
I am chosen	Not forsaken
Not forsaken	I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am	You are for me
You are for me	Not against me
Not against me	I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am	Oh, I am who You say I am
	Yes, I am who You say I am
I am chosen	
Not forsaken	Who the Son sets free
I am who You say I am	Oh, is free indeed
You are for me	I'm a child of God
Not against me	Yes, I am
I am who You say I am	
I am who You say I am	In my Father's house
	There's a place for me
Who the Son sets free	I'm a child of God
Oh, is free indeed	Yes, I am
I'm a child of God	

### 3. Kingdom Centered Prayer: (10 min)

#### **YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...**

1. Adoration - Worship the LORD for His good words – His truthfulness and the goodness of all He has said. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for how He holds everything together by the word of His power.
2. Confession - How have you lived ignoring God’s words, and hoping that He would ignore yours? Confess your lies, slander and cursing to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and seal in you His truth, His promises and His blessing
3. Thanksgiving - Give thanks to Jesus for being God’s True Word and for His fulfillment of every promise He has made to redeem people like us. Thank Him that He took our place to *turn our curse into a blessing!*
4. Supplications for Others - Who do you know that is reckless with their words? Pray for them, asking the Lord to convey to them His good words and that He would work in them that their words would be transformed.
5. Supplication for Ourselves - Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray that He would help you grow in how you encourage others (*rather than critique them*), listen (*rather than speaking too much*) and confess your sins.

### 4. Sermon Reflection: (10 min)

Sermon: Faithful Character in Crisis, The Tongue. Text: James 3:1-12

Intro: Have you ever been corrected for something you said?

**Words That Echo Eternity** - Why do words matter? Because God shaped all existence by His Words

God’s Words

1. Creation – What do you understand about God by creating all things and all by His Word?
2. Commands – What do you understand and love about God in the commands He gives?
3. Promises – What do you understand and love about God by His many promises?

**Words Cannot Describe THE TONGUE, a disastrous description?**

1. Unbridled - Runaway
  - Where are you opinionated and critical?
  - When are you most apt to speak past what you know?
2. Poison - To Kill, Ruin
  - Where do you most often speak passed how you live?
  - Whose, what friend, heart do you most often presume you understand fully?
  - What words would you like to take back?
  - When are you most apt to boast and take credit for God’s work and gifts?

3. Hide - Lie, Deceive, Cover Up

Who do you lie to the most? Why is that?

What have you come clean on that you once lived the lie by covering it up?

**Words That Change Eternity - Jesus' Promises Change OUR EVERYTHING!**

Deliverance, Redemption, Hope - Jesus in our place willingly

The Perfect Man - Our Perfect Substitute

Example: The Prodigal Son's Return to the Father eager to Celebrate

Ring and Robes, Hugs and Kisses

What time is it? Party Time -Clothed, Reinstated, Celebrated

How would it change your relationship with God if you understood "Repentance was Heaven's time to **PAR-TEE**? How would that change your relationships with others?

5. **Mission**: The Tongue as a Tool for Our Mission (10 min)

Think of the words you are going to use this week.

- Bless Others - Pray for God to reveal "blessing Opps" – Opportunity to Bless Others With Words
- Hold Your Tongue in Love - Look at your schedule and pray for each person you are going to get to be with asking God to make you to know when to love by listening and NOT speaking.
- Humble Yourself Using YOUR words AGAINST YOU – Think of a time this week that you can support someone who is coming against you with details against yourself that help them point out YOUR ERROR! What fun that will be!

6. **Jesus From Others** (10 min)

Close your time together in letting each person share something they came to love about Jesus from something someone in the group shared during your time together.

- What do you love more about Jesus from what someone shared during our CG tonight?