Journey

Development Program





he Gospel of Jesus Christ is at the heart of afterschool 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.

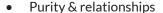
## The Faith Journey

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



- 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 lowa-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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