

Lenten Mentor Discussion Sheet

Wednesday Service Week 2 – February 25th, 2026



SHARE – Weekly Highs & Lows

Take turns sharing your Rose, Bud, and Thorn. **Rose:** a high of your week. **Bud:** something you are looking forward to. **Thorn:** a low from your week.

READ – Overview of Worship

“And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

John 11:38-44

Beyond belief: it’s hard for us to believe that Jesus not only raises the dead but sets us free from things that are hard for us on this side of life. This is beyond belief that God wants a free life for us not just free from death, but free from sin and free from all the things that would hold us back.

After Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb from death to life, he proclaimed to the crowd, untie him. The subtle command is more than just a suggestion about helping him walk and move. It is a call for each of us as Christians to hear God’s desire for us to be untied and unleashed into the world to proclaim the good news.

TALK – Diving into Discussion Questions

Treading Water – Surface Level Questions

1. What do you think Lazarus thought of all this?
2. What are some parts of the High School Story that stood out to you?

Snorkeling – Relational Questions

3. What are some things that can “tie us up” or hold us back in life?
4. As Lazarus was unbound to go out into the world and proclaim the good news, have you ever felt set free to do something?

Deep Dive – Reflective Questions

5. Where in your life do you feel you need to be unbound?
6. What are some parts of tonight’s service that raise questions in your mind? What are some of those questions and why do you think they are important?

PLAY – Beyond Belief!

In “Beyond Belief,” two people take turns challenging each other with something that seems impossible — it can be funny, serious, or something that feels really hard in real life. One person says the “impossible” situation, and the other responds by saying, “Beyond belief... but possible because _____!” and finishes the sentence with a hopeful or faith-filled reason. Then switch roles and keep going for a few minutes. The goal is to practice seeing hope and possibility even in situations that seem impossible at first.

Example: Player A says “For a dog to become mayor” and Player B would respond “Beyond Belief... but possible because the dog mayor could have a supportive panel of trusted advisors to act for them!”

What do you think this game has to do with tonight's sermon?

PRAY 🙏

Close your time together with a PTA Prayer. PRAISE - THANK - ASK. Pray with gratitude and thankfulness for your ‘buds’ and ‘roses’. Ask for support and guidance with your ‘thorns’. Sometimes we will also provide an optional prayer you could pray together.

BLESS 😊

Close your time with a blessing or closing ritual.

Sample blessing for this week: Make the sign of the cross on the back of one another's hand or forehead saying, “Jesus help you walk your way in all you do and all you say.”

VIBE CHECK-IN

Now is the time to “turn in” your conversation sheet by **scanning the QR code** and submitting a response to a form.

Thank you all for going BEYOND your comfort zones and spending time building up your faith as a community!

See you next week!

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Scan this to access the form!

You DO NOT need to turn this sheet in. Take the sheet with you each week in case those at home are curious about what you talked about!

Peace – The CYF Team