

FREEDOM FIGHTERS FAQ'S

1. Q: Who is leading this ministry? A: Tim Walton will do most of the teaching times this year. Leadership Team members also include Hugh Riley, John Klipp, Joe Hauser, Dave Blakeslee, and Rich Metcalfe. AV productions by Russ Brandt.
2. Q: Can I attend if I don't have an addiction? A: Well, we aren't "carding" people at the door—but it would likely inhibit discussions around the tables to have guys there that aren't actually dealing with any addiction issues.
3. Q: How do I get over feelings of conspicuousness or embarrassment in showing up for *Freedom Fighters*? A: In Men's Fraternity we learned the biblical definition of manhood as 1) Rejecting passivity, 2) Accepting responsibility, 3) Leading courageously, and 4) Looking to God's greater reward. That's a great segue into *Freedom Fighters*. If something needs to be "fixed" in your life—if it's hurting your family and your relationship with God—then it's time to man-up and do the hard and gutsy work. Walking into Room C200 may be the manliest thing you've done in a long time. Face up to what is at stake. Invite a friend to come with you. Make a commitment to your wife and ask for her support and prayer. Walk into the room with your head held high and with an expectant spirit that you are here to engage in battle and take back ground from the devil!
4. Q: What help should I expect to get from this group? A: If a man has something that really needs to get done, he makes an appointment for it on his calendar—and even more powerfully, he makes an appointment that includes a buddy. Until a man's plans get to that stage, they are usually nothing more than floating dreams. *Freedom Fighters* is about making that strategic appointment (and doing it with some other guys) to get on top of any behavior that has been kicking the slats out of a guy's soul. The *Freedom Fighters'* strategy provides a man with the structured support to stay with a decision to change. Our leadership makes Five Promises to any man who will seriously engage the *Freedom Fighters* journey:
 - You will have the opportunity [encouraged--but optional] to engage with an accountability partner.
 - You will unmask your inner enemy and expose its tactics.
 - You will learn how to do effective battle.
 - You will gain a new level of mastery with the Word of God.
 - You will replace worldly thinking and affections with godly thinking and affections.
5. Q: How open will I have to be about my addiction? A: There is no compulsion to bare your soul. Each man will share at his own pace as trust is developed with the other men. As a matter of fact, premature transparency will be discouraged because it can "backfire" in a number of ways. Also, there are some appropriate cautions about sharing things with other guys before sharing them with one's spouse.
6. Q: What do you mean by "addiction"? A: We do not ascribe to the "disease" concept of addiction. What we mean by "addiction" is destructive behaviors that become habitual and enslaving.
7. Q: What kinds of addictions does Freedom Fighters have in view? A: Alcoholism, drug abuse, pornography, sexual immorality, anger, gambling, internet/gaming addictions, and serious workaholism.

8. Q: Is there a biblical base for *Freedom Fighters*? A: *Freedom Fighters* may well be the most Bible-saturated ministry you have ever been part of. Our theme verse is **Hebrews 12:1-2**, ...*let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.* Every lesson will have you digging into Scripture. After the 26 weeks, you have a functional high-impact arsenal of Scriptures loaded into your brain for instant recall and deployment in spiritual warfare!
9. Q: What is *Freedom Fighters* going to be like?
 A: First of all, this is what it IS:
- It's coaching for doing battle with the forces inside and outside of you.
 - It's teaming with buddies who have your back.
 - It's about trading-in your weakness for the power of God.
 - It's about radical mental "arming" with the Word of God.
 - It's about hope in the unbelievable goodness of God for you and your family!
 - It's about hard work.
 - It's about taking responsibility.
- A: Secondly, this is what it ISN'T:
- It **isn't** about "*Hello, my name is Bob and I am a _____.*"
 - It **isn't** a blame-game about your parents.
 - It **isn't** a quick-fix .
 - It **isn't** a "spill your guts" support group.
 - It **isn't** group therapy.
10. Q: How much will the program cost me? A: \$15 for curriculum resources.
11. Q: When and where is the group scheduled to meet? A: Every Wednesday evening, 7:00-8:30pm, upstairs off the lobby in room #C200. Regular meetings start September 21 and continue to April 4.
12. Q: What is the meeting format? A: Group time with up-front teaching time and other all-group features followed by table discussions.
13. Q: Can you join-up "mid-stream" after the group has been meeting for weeks or months?
 A: Absolutely. You can jump in at any time.
14. Q: How much homework time is expected? A: 1 to 2 hours per week. We'll read a textbook chapter each week and complete the related workbook questions. Some longer chapters will be spread over two weeks.
15. Q: Are men from outside our church welcome? A: Absolutely yes!
16. Q: Is there a minimum age for attenders? A: Please no one under age 21.
17. Q: What curriculum resources will be used? A: *The Heart of Addiction* text and workbook by Mark E. Shaw. Other corollary resources will be recommended and made available as needed.