

P.O.W.'s (Prisoners Of War)

Spiritual Warfare #5

Open It

1. Describe a time in your life when you felt trapped.
2. Have you ever been inside of an actual prison? What were your emotions when you left?

Explore It

3. Read Judges 1:19, 21, 27, and 28. What happened when Israel didn't completely drive out their enemies?
4. Read Luke 4:16-21. Summarize what Jesus said He came to do.
5. Jesus told them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." What do you think He meant by that?
6. Read John 3:16-21. How did God demonstrate His love for the world? (3:16)
7. Why did God send His Son into the world? (3:17)
8. If Jesus didn't come to condemn the world, why do people remain condemned? (3:18)
9. What happens when a person comes into the light? (3:19)
10. Why do evil people hate the light? (3:20)
11. What happens when you live by the truth? (3:21)
12. Read John 8:12. What does Jesus say would be the result of following Him?

Get It

13. What are some of the dangers of allowing sin to hang around our lives?
14. What are a few of the indicators that a person is a spiritual P.O.W.?
15. The nouns Jesus used to describe those to whom His mission is directed were "poor", "prisoners", "blind", and "oppressed." Have you had a time when one of these words described you?
16. What are some weapons you have seen the devil use to keep Christians in spiritual bondage?
17. In what ways have you personally been set free?
18. If the cross of Christ has opened the prison doors, why do some Christians remain imprisoned?

Apply It

19. What is one area of your life in which the devil continues to keep you in bondage today?
20. What is the first thing you need to do so that the prison doors of your life can swing open?