

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, June 1, 2014

Going to Galatia: *Paul's Freedom* (Galatians 5:1-26)

Please read Galatians 5:1-26

1. Can you name a time in your life when you felt free? What sorts of things were going on in your life during that time of freedom?
2. Please read Galatians 1:4. What does Paul tell us that Jesus has done, and why has Jesus done it?
3. Please read Galatians 3:22. Who is the prisoner? What is making us a prisoner?
4. Why is it hard to hear that we are slaves? Why do people often not resonate with the need to be set free?
5. Please read 1 John 1:9. Have you used your freedom to indulge the sinful nature (5:13) and found yourself burdened by bad behavior/sin again? Take a few moments of silence where anyone in your group can silently confess their sin to God. If you need to apologize to anyone in your group then plan a time when you can say sorry to that person.
6. Galatians 1 says that we have been set free so that we might live free. As a result, the only thing that matters is "faith expressing itself through love." (Gal 5:6) Who is God calling you to love today? How might you express this love?
7. Christianity is spreading rapidly in certain parts of the world that are exposed to the gravest of injustices. Why do you think Jesus is being so widely accepted in many of these areas?
8. Please read Galatians 5:13. Many of you already serve. How can you help/encourage each other as you seek to serve in love?