



Session 5

Big Idea:

We are liberated through Jesus Christ.

GROUP OPENER

What ideas/philosophies do people believe will make them freer in today's culture?

Where do you see truth in some of these ideas?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read Galatians 5:1-16. Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement . . .

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

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As a Group

In the lead-up to what we are discussing today, Paul has said two important things about the law or Torah.

1. Torah played a positive role – as our temporary tutor/guide.
3:24 - The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

2. Torah played a negative role – as our eternal accuser/curse.
3:11 - So, it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law.

How does this lead-up play a role in what Galatians 5 tells us?

We know that Jesus met our obligation of the law with his perfect righteousness. That his death paid the penalty for our disobedience.

How is the Holy Spirit a better guide than the law? In what ways is that more difficult than the laws?

How do you see the Holy Spirit liberating us from law and moving us toward love?

In what ways is this liberation more freeing? In what ways is this liberation more difficult?

Receiving our liberation is the same way we are expected to live it out. Through faith, by trusting in Jesus.

On your Own

Where is someplace in your life that you can move from self-indulgence to self-sacrifice?