

3.8.20 - Galatians - Christian

Leader Prep Section

- Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a **few** questions that are best suited to your group.
- Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.
- When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

- What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
- Listen to this song for children based on Galatians 5:1 – Talk about Freedom - <https://slugsandbugsandlullabies.wordpress.com/2014/03/03/freedom-galatians-51/>
- Take a minute to share a way that the Covid19 has affected your daily life, restricted your freedoms, refocused your perspective.
- In the coming weeks, what is causing anxiety, worry, or concern? What changes to life are you expecting?

Background / Reading

Galatians 5:1-13 (if time allows, read aloud 4:28 – 5:26 for full context)

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

- Read verse 5:1 again. This verse is very powerful. Spend some time creatively dissecting this passage. For example: read from multiple versions, write in your own words, sketch a doodle or image, make your own hand motions, compose an impromptu song or poem, etc. Whatever may help you hear these words afresh.
- Using your concordance or memory, where is another place that Jesus mentions freedom?
- Read 2 Corinthians 3:17, John 8:36 and discuss how they relate to our passage in Galatians
- What are some Biblical characters who experienced this kind of freedom from slavery (literal or figurative)?
- List out the words or phrases where Paul is using dramatic or strong language. What is his intent?

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

- What are ways you have seen “yolks” added to Christianity today? What are they and how have they affected both Jesus followers and those who do not yet know Him?
- Humans are divinely created for freedom and are called to it through the Holy Spirit. How does this perspective change the way we view both ourselves and maybe more importantly, those around us?
- How can we stand firm on the foundation of grace and freedom in Christ? What might that practically look like?
- There's another place in Paul's epistles where he uses the phrase “Stand firm”, read and discuss. Hint: Ephesians.

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

- What are the yokes we have in our own lives? Are we willing to confess these things and move forward?
- Where are you in the process of Confession of sins, Belief in what God has done for you, Trust His unfailing love, and Participation with the Holy Spirit and His work in us. Remember that this is not a linear process. We are daily confessing and leaning into the belief and trust of what God has done and participating in that redemption.

Pray