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Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of July 28, 2019

This Week's Focus: Jesus Christ has freed us from the power of sin so that we can, by the Spirit's power, obey God's moral law to love our neighbors as ourselves.

This Week's Text: Galatians 5:1-15

"The gospel does free you to live any way you want. But if you truly understand through the gospel who Jesus is and what he has done for you, then you will ask, 'How can I live for him?' And the answer will be, look at the will of God expressed in the law. The gospel frees us from the law, for the law. It does away with our old, selfishly motivated and unloving law-obedience. And it motivates us to obey the law out of love." **Dr. Tim Keller**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- Share what the Holy Spirit has impressed on your heart and mind from this week's text. How has this passage realigned your thoughts, feelings, and actions with the truth of the gospel?
- How has Jesus set us free and what has he delivered us from (Galatians 1:1-5, 3:13-14)? Contrast Christian liberty with the typical, worldly definition of freedom (i.e. self-actualization, selfish ambition). How is freedom both the means and ends of the Christian life?
- Because Christ has set us free, what is Paul's imperative (verse 1)? What slavery were they in danger of returning to? What attracts us to works-based justification rather than the gospel?
- How does adding any ritual or work along with faith for justification make Jesus' work useless (Galatians 2:21)? What are some signs that we have "fallen away from grace", that is, that we have distanced ourselves from the influence and power of God's indwelling Spirit? What's the antidote (Matthew 11:28)? What are some signs that we are living under grace instead of the law?
- What is the hope that Christians eagerly wait for? How does this affect your thinking and worldview?
- What has Jesus delivered us to (verses 6, 13-14; 1 Corinthians 9:19)? Discuss how obedience to God's moral law flows from our freedom in Christ and also gives the proper context for Jesus' command to "love your neighbor as yourself."
- How do Legalism and Antinomianism (license) distort the law of God and its role and purpose in the Christian's life?
- What can we do when we find our love for God and others growing cold? What does it look like to preach the gospel to ourselves daily, and why is it vital to our sanctification (spiritual growth)?
- How does this text encourage you to live on mission to declare and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ in your community?