

# FREEDOM IN COMMUNITY

## Galatians 5:1-15

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group guide  
**OTHERS**

### LESSON PREP

This week, your students will discuss this idea of serving one another within community and how that ultimately exemplifies Christ's love to the world. We will unpack this idea as we realize that we have this freedom in Christ for a specific reason: to do good to everyone.

### PRE LG TEXT MESSAGE QUESTIONS

Why do we need to love others? Find out at group tonight.

Why have we been given freedom in Christ? Share your thoughts when our group meets tonight.

### SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Galatians 5:13-14

### 1ON1 FOLLOWUP

Reflect on what you have "sown" in the areas of love and servanthood in these last 6 months. What harvest are you expecting? Weeds? A bumper crop? Why?

### INTRODUCTION

There is a quote that says: "There are only two things we cannot do alone. One is to be married and the other is to be a Christian."

- What do you think of this quote? Is it true or false—and why?
- If this is true, what implications does this have on your life as a Christian?

**Read Galatians 5:1-15 together as a group.**

#### 1. God gives us freedom for a specific purpose

- According to verse 13, why were we granted freedom in Christ? What should this freedom drive every Christian to do?
- What would it look like if all Christians loved and cared for one another? How do you think the world would perceive this?
- According to verse 14, the whole Law is summed up in one truth. What is that truth? How is the entire Law summed up with this one truth?
- What is one of the greatest obstacles to loving other Christians?

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** Paul makes it clear: We have been given this freedom in Christ, not to do whatever we want, but to release us to help others. This can be done in many ways, but Paul goes on to explain a very practical way in which this occurs.

#### 2. God gives freedom to help others become free through Christ.

- Read Galatians 6:1-10. Do you find it uncomfortable to share your burdens with one another? Why or why not?
- How does our culture of self-sufficiency make it more difficult to share your burdens with one another?
- Look at verse 3. What does it mean to think of ourselves as nothing? What do you think Paul meant by this?
- Look at verses 9-10. Paul instructs us to do good to all people, but especially those within the church. How do you think the world would be affected if we actually started doing this?

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** God gives freedom to help others become free through Christ. When the Spirit leads us we will love and serve one another well so they one day can do the same for others. We do so for at least three reasons: (1) Because we are motivated by our love for God, (2) because the Bible says to, and (3) because God will be honored when we love each other well.

#### 3. God's name will be proclaimed when we love each other well.

- Read John 13:35. Does this verse seem shocking to you? Wouldn't it seem more likely that the world would know we are Jesus' disciples by how well we follow his commands?
- Can the church represent Jesus if we all operate independent of each other? Why/why not?
- How do we show a marked distinction as God's people by the way we love and care within our community?

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** Whether we like it or not, we are a part of a very large community of believers and we are on display for the entire world to see Jesus through our love. God's design is to use his church as a display of His glory in the world. The question is not whether or not the world will notice the church. The question is when the world looks at us, will they see love and care for one another like Jesus and Paul encouraged?

### APPLICATION

How are you bearing another person's burden right now? What is one thing you can do this week to intentionally bear someone's burden?