

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

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Text: Galatians 5:7-15

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In Chapter 5, verses 7 through 15 of Paul's letter to the Galatians, he continues his rebuke of the teaching that aspects of Mosaic law and Jewish customs were required for new believers. Paul instead exhorts them to freedom in Christ, bought through His death on the cross.

1. Phil talked about how Paul seems to be repeating himself to drive home his point, and he pointed to a theme of repetition throughout scripture. In the narrative of scripture, we see a repeated theme of Israel falling into sin and God rescuing them, only to eventually fall back into sin. While praying in the garden, Jesus asks the disciples to stay awake multiple times, but they just could not seem to do it.
  - Why is God's willingness to go through these repetitions good news for us?
  - How can we use this sense of repetition to grow closer to Christ?
  - What point is Paul trying to drive home? (Hint: what is the gospel?)
2. In Paul's rebuke, he says, "a little leaven leavens the whole lump." What does this mean? (Does God hate fluffy yeast bread?) What does "leaven" (or yeast) often represent throughout scripture? What does leaven represent in the stories of the Passover and Exodus (Exodus Ch 12)? Has anyone in your group ever baked sourdough bread? Ask them to explain the "starter" process. Why does Paul use this imagery?
3. What does Paul mean by verse 11? How was the cross "offensive?" Is the cross still "offensive?"
4. After his rebuke, Paul reminds the Galatians that they were "called to freedom." How does Paul call them to live out their freedom? Why does Paul use this specific language? Reference Leviticus 19:17-18, Matthew 22:37-40, Romans 12:9-13, and Colossians 3:12-17? How should we live in light of our freedom in Christ?