

Here are some talking points to start using to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful conversations. Remember, you want others to do most of the talking.

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why?

Start Sharing & Talking About the message. NOTE: Pastor may not cover all points in all services.

Setting/Open: The Galatians are confused and influenced by false teachers who told them Grace is not enough for salvation. In the letter to Galatians Paul is pleading with them to stay with Jesus, stay with grace, reject false teachings and rest in Jesus. **Matt 11:28-30**

1. **4:8-11** Before they knew God, what did the Galatians worship? A. Idols. But then, after entering a relationship with God (John 10:27-28), what did they do (v9)? A. (see v4:3) – before knowing God they were under bondage/slavery to the “elements” of the world. They are going back to ritualistic religion.
App: Religion does nothing to save a person. Example – worshipping on a specific day, etc.
Rom 14:5 & Col 2:16-17
V10 What did all the OT rituals do? A. They pointed to Jesus. But they were “weak and beggarly.” They are no longer necessary – Jesus paid it all.
2. V12 What does it mean when Paul urges them to become like him? A. To be free in Jesus. He became like them – like Gentile Christians who were never under the Law. **1Cor 9:19-23**
3. V13-15 We don’t know what Paul’s “physical infirmity” is, but it must have made him unattractive. These passages should cause us to pause and ask, “how far would we go to help another person?” Point: Jesus gave everything for us. God wants to move our limits on giving.
4. V 16-18 Feel Paul’s frustration. What are the legalists trying to do to the people? A. They are trying to draw them away from Paul’s teaching about Christ and to draw the believers to themselves.
App: There are those who are doing the same thing today – trying to create adversity and persuade believers that they are reading the wrong bible, worshipping on the wrong day, not taking communion frequently enough, not being baptized the right way. According to **Titus 3:9-11** what are we to do? Avoid foolish disputes – which the enemy wants to use to cause confusion. Avoid: “to place oneself at a distance from.”
5. V18 What is it good to be zealous for? A. The truth of being free in Jesus.
6. What do these two verses in 1Corinthians tell us about our freedom in Jesus? A. Not everything we have freedom in is good for us. **1Cor 6:12 & 1Cor 10:23-24**

Start Praying & Start Doing. Talk to your group about (1) creating profiles on the Calvary App so your group can create a group chat on the app. Let Pastor Josh know so he can set your group up for you. (2) Encourage your group to read ahead. (3) Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/LIFEgroup-Assessment>

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You Are Already Free in Jesus

Galatians 4:8-20

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