

**Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series:  
Breaking Fake – November 6, 2022**



*This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The Bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:22)." **Step 1: GATHER** with your family or group. **Step 2: REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** the key points and scriptures from the sermon. **Step 3: PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.*

**DISCUSSION STARTER**

Ask your group, "Who in your life is really difficult to love, and why is this the case? How does remembering how Christ has loved you help you love these difficult people?"

**DIGGING DEEPER 1**

**Read Galatians 5:7-8.** Say, "The Galatians started well. When Paul left them, they seemed to be excited about their faith. But starting well does not guarantee finishing well. Obeying God yesterday doesn't mean you will obey God today or tomorrow." Ask, "What steps can you take to make sure that you keep running well?" Say, "Paul says in the next verse, "who hindered you?" There will always be those who want to hinder us." Ask, "What can you do to keep alert so that you won't be hindered in your faith by others?"

**DIGGING DEEPER 2**

**Read Galatians 5:9-12.** Say, "Paul strongly condemns false teachers – He wishes they would mutilate themselves! Ask, "Was Paul's reaction too extreme? Why or why not?" Say, "This 'curse' shows us how extremely important pure teaching is. We must make sure that we accurately divide the Word of Truth so we don't even accidentally become false teachers. Ask, "Where have you encountered false teaching recently? When you encounter it, what should you do about it?" Ask, "How can you protect yourself, your family, and your church from false teaching?"

**DIGGING DEEPER 3**

**Read Galatians 5:13-15.** Say, "In these verses Paul is telling us to not abuse our freedom." Ask, "If an unbeliever asks you "what does it mean that you have freedom after salvation" how would you answer?" Say, "We are not under the Old Testament law. Instead, we live in the era of grace. God's grace covers our sins." Ask, "How might some professing believers abuse this freedom?" Say, "God does not give us freedom to sin. He gives us freedom from sin. We should not take for granted the grace of God (Romans 6:1-2). Ask, "How does Paul teach us we should use our freedom?"

**DOING THE WORD**

Love your neighbor as yourself – This is the core of the Old Testament law. Take for example the Ten Commandments. The first four deal with loving God and the next six deal with loving others. In the Old Testament there are many commands. Some seem odd and irrelevant today. But the principle behind all these instructions is love. And if you love others, you will go out of your way to help them. Every day is filled with abundant opportunities to "love your neighbor." And our neighbors are not just those who live next door to us. Jesus made it clear in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) that our neighbors include everybody we meet who needs help. Discuss one specific way you or your group can show love to a non-family member this week. Close by asking God to help you run the race well.