

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: Freeway (A Study of Galatians)
Message Title: Freedom!
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UP NEXT

- **EASTER EGG HUNT** - We are asking that each Life Group drop of at least 3 dozen filled Easter eggs for the egg hunt. You can drop them off at the church beginning today! Also if you want to volunteer at the Egg Hunt, please email roger.graber@reality.church
- **EASTER** - Make plans to attend one of our four Easter services on Sunday, April 16th. Service times are 9:00am, 10:45am, 3:00pm, and 4:30pm. Bring your 1More.
- **COMPASSION EXPERIENCE** - Experience another country, without leaving yours. This free event features an interactive journey through the true stories of children living in developing countries like the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda and the Dominican Republic. In over 2,000 square feet of interactive exhibit space, visitors will step inside homes, markets and schools — without getting on a plane. Each child's story starts in poverty but ends in hope. You may also volunteer to help at reality.church/events.
- **OVERFLOW WEEKEND** - Attention all Life Groups! Getting involved with Overflow Weekend is the easiest way for you all to invest into the next generation of students. We need Life Groups to provide food for the different Host Homes and groups of students. For more information email jourdy.persinger@reality.church. Overflow Weekend is April 28-30.

MAIN IDEA

Love sets us free! Now love others into that same freedom!

INTRODUCTION

- Christ died to set us free from sin and from a long list of laws and regulations. Christ came to set us free - not free to do whatever we want because that would lead us back into slavery to our selfish desires. Rather, thanks to Christ, we are now free and able to do what was impossible before - to live unselfishly. Those who appeal to their freedom so that they can have their own way or indulge in their own desires are falling back into sin. But it is also wrong to put a burden of law-keeping on Christians. We must stand against those who would enslave us with rules, methods, or special conditions for being saved or growing in Christ.

DISCUSSION

- Growing up, what age (or stage in life) meant “freedom” to you? (*diver's license, 18, 25. etc.?*)
- How does our culture define freedom?
- How does the Bible define freedom?
- Have someone read ([Galatians 5:1-4](#))
 - What are some of the ways we try to find favor with God apart from Grace?
 - What does Paul mean when he says “Christ can’t help you” in verse 2?

- Have someone read [\(Galatians 5:5-6\)](#)
 - What is meant by saying “Faith expresses itself in love?”
 - We are saved by faith, not by deeds. But love for others and for God is the response of those whom God has forgiven. God’s forgiveness is complete, and Jesus said that those who are forgiven much, love much (see Luke 7:47). Because faith expresses itself through love, one way to check your love for God is to examine your love for others.
 - *True or False: Loving God will equal loving others?*
- Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Please defend your answer.
 - *“If you think good works are the measure of your assurance, you don’t have assurance.”*
- What are some ways that we as Christians can express our faith through love in a way that is recognizable to those outside of the faith?
- What do you think Paul means by verse 12?
 - Believe it or not, Paul is actually saying *“if a little bit (i.e. circumcision) is acceptable to God, then why not cut it all off so God is really impressed.”*
 - Paul was no stranger to sarcasm.
- Have someone read [\(Galatians 5:13-14\)](#)
 - How can we as a church encourage true freedom in Christ and yet offer guidance to the community of believers.
 - Do you find it difficult to trust another Christian's freedom?
 - How is having the freedom or license to sin not freedom at all?
 - *(i.e. enslaved to Satan, others, or your own sinful nature)*

SERIES MEMORY VERSE: *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free...”* Galatians 5:1

APPLY IT

- Stand Strong in your Christian liberty.
- Stay focused on what God has done for you already.
- Stop pretending in Life Group/Church/Life, be authentic.
- Start loving other people, let the love in you, work itself out.



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