

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Message Series:** Freeway (A Study of Galatians)  
**Message Title:** Getting Grace  
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### UP NEXT

- **EASTER** - Make plans to attend one of our four Easter services on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Service times are 9:00am, 10:45am, 3:00pm, and 4:30pm. Unless you are bringing your 1More please make plans to attend one of the afternoon services to make room for visitors.
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- **LIFE GROUPS GAME NIGHT** - Come as a Life Group or come as a family and enjoy a fun night of games and competition. Popcorn Bar & Childcare is included. So bring your board games, card games, and winning strategy! We will also be giving away (2) free tickets to see Tim Hawkins in concert. See you Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### MAIN IDEA

When you get grace... you give grace

### INTRODUCTION

- Paul has spent the better part of Galatians arguing that it's not the *law* on the outside, but rather *love* on the inside that makes a difference in a human being. This inside love of course comes from and is empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- According to Warren Wiersbe, what God the Father *planned* for us, and God the Son *purchased* for us on the cross, God the Spirit *personalizes* for us and applies to our lives as we yield to Him.
- Paul closes out Galatians as if to say, "Everything we've discussed so far is vitally important, but also humanly impossible to accomplish on your own apart from the power of the Holy Spirit."

### DISCUSSION

- If you could change one thing about how you spent your time as a teenager what would it be?
  - Can you still make that change today?
- Have someone read [\(Galatians 5:16-21\)](#)
  - Here's the Sinful Nature list according to The Message paraphrase:
    - Trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded

and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community.

- We all have experienced these from time to time in our lives. Do you have anything in place in your life to keep these in check?
- Verse 21 says, *“Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.”* Since Paul has very clearly shown that we are justified by our faith and not by our works, and since we also know that everyone struggles with at least something on that list, what do you think Paul was saying here?
  - Is he saying that the Christian, who struggles with selfish ambition forfeits his salvation? (No he isn’t)
  - Then why the warning to the Galatians about living a life out of our sinful nature?

• Now have someone read [\(Galatians 5:22-25\)](#)

- Take a few minutes to encourage one another by sharing which of these fruits you see in each other’s lives.
- How does God want to make a difference in your life this year?
- Which fruit of the Spirit stands out to you as the one to focus on this year?

• Paul is expressing that living life according to the sinful nature is like living life on a toll road. You’ll never pay it off and it will continue to cost you dearly. However, living life according to the Spirit is taking the Freeway. It is the way of peace, the way of rest, the way of maturity.

• Have someone read [\(Galatians 6:7-10\)](#)

- It’s a natural law to reap what you sow. It would be a surprise to plant corn and to have pumpkins grow. Every action has a consequence. If you plant to please your own desires, you’ll reap a crop of destruction. If you plant to please God, you’ll reap joy and everlasting life.
- What kinds of seeds are you planting?

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

**APPLY IT** .....

- We all need others to love us by serving us.
- We all need to love others by serving them.
- Refuse to gossip. Begin asking, “What have you done to help him/her” & “How is this conversation helping them”



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