- In his opening statement, Chris said, "I cannot wait until I grow up. Then I can do whatever I want." But Paul teaches that Christ has set us free. What kind of freedom has Christ given us? What is it like to live in that freedom?
- Paul warns that adding anything to Christ, such as circumcision for the Galatians, cuts us off from the grace we are relying on. In verse 5 he says we "wait in faith" for the hope of righteousness. What "add-ons" are we tempted to trust alongside Jesus? In practice, what does it mean to rest in Him alone while we wait?
- In Galatians 5:7 and 9, Paul writes, "You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?" and "A little leaven leavens the whole lump." What does leaven illustrate about how we are hindered in our race? What "leavens" do we encounter today that hinder us? How do they deceive us, and how do we rid ourselves of them?
- Paul uses irony in Galatians: believers are set free from the law, yet free to become servants of one another. True freedom is found in loving others, and through serving one another we fulfill the law. How does this change the way you think about what freedom is for? What is one practical way you could use your freedom to serve someone at Buck Run or in your community this week?
- If you woke up tomorrow with the promise of hope in Christ firmly in mind, how would it change your day? How different would it look?