Discussion Questions
Freedom
Galatians 5:1-15

Ice Breaker Question(s)

1. Have you ever witnessed a beautiful act of unearned grace that one person gave to another person? Describe what happened.

Read Galatians 5:1-4

1. What do you think Paul means when he says that "Christ has truly set us free?" (v.1) In other words, what are we free from? What are we free for?
2. If Christ sets us free, why do you think so many view Christianity as robbing people of freedom?
3. What do you think Paul means when he says, "don't get tied up again in slavery to the law?"
4. How would you define grace? (v.4)
5. Why is living by grace so much more powerful than trying to keep the Law?
6. Share a time when you were shown grace that you did not deserve?

Read Galatians 5:5-6

1. Paul says the Law (i.e. circumcision) is no longer applicable to followers of Jesus, but now we live by the Spirit. What is the difference between living under the Law and living under the Spirit? (v.5)
2. Describe some examples of "faith expressing itself in love?" (v.6)
3. On a scale of 1-10 (1-nonjudgmental, 10-highly judgmental), how would you rate yourself? Explain.
4. Why is it so easy to judge people who are different than us?
5. Why is it so damaging?

Read Galatians 5:9-15

1. Why do you think Paul is so harsh with people adding requirements to faith in Jesus for salvation? (v.9-12)
2. What is the difference between a false teacher and someone you disagree with?
3. How is freedom different from satisfying your sinful nature? (v.13)
4. What are some ways you have seen Christians bite, devour, and destroy other Christians? (v.15)
5. Have you participated in any of the activities from the above question? What needs to change in your life?

Application and Prayer

1. Do I find myself living under the Law or in the freedom of the Spirit? Explain.

2. What do I need God to do **in me** or **through me** as a result of today's discussion?

3. Who do I need to pray for as a result of today's discussion?