



Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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Worth Fighting For?

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SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1-4, 13

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

ENGAGE

What do you think most Americans think about when they hear the word “freedom”?

What comes to your mind?

How would you define “freedom”?

DISCUSS

1. What kind of freedom is Paul conveying in verse 1?
2. Verses 2-4 talk about earning favor with God by human actions. How do many in our culture think that man obtains favor with God? Do any Christians you know fall into this same trap?
3. What does it mean to be free from the law? How do we experience that freedom?
4. What does it mean to be free from sin? How can we truly experience that?
5. Verse 13 talks about abusing our freedom. What is an example of that and how should we view other believers?

YOUR NEXT STEP

This week as we celebrate freedom, share with someone what it means to be truly free.

CHILDREN'S TIME

1. Have you ever watched fireworks on the 4th of July? What are we celebrating?
2. How would you define "freedom"?
3. In what ways has Christ set us free? What are we free from?
4. Leader, close by sharing how you found freedom in Christ and what that means to you.

OTHER PASSAGES SITED

Not available this week.