

Wednesday

Read Galatians 5:13 *Freedom isn't license*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is freedom for, as you understand it? Who does it involve beside you?*
2. *How do see each of us being called to freedom? How do we hear that call?*

Prayer Focus God, thank you for creating us for freedom: freedom from what can enslave us and freedom for a life that is lived freely in you. Turn us away from the many ways we try to take back our slavery. Heal us and keep us close to you as we live in that love.

Thursday

Read Galatians 5:13b *What freedom is about*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How easy is it to feel free when you see another as your enemy?*
2. *How do you feel when Paul says we need to become enslaved to one another through love?*

Prayer Focus Sustainer, we're assured that we'll live if we choose to be slaves of your love. Show us through your Holy Spirit how to take that love and let it be the first impulse we answer, for ourselves and for all your creation.

Friday

Read Galatians 5:14 *How to live free*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What can you do to remember God's one great commandment?*
2. *Where might you extend the freedom of Christ to others today?*

Prayer Focus You made a way to save us from ourselves, Holy One, and show us we are yours, always. Today, we submit again to the love that binds us and offer ourselves to your purpose for all your people: to live in the freedom you offer, without reservation, to us all.

Set Free

Pastor's message: *Galatians 5:1,13-14*

Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What do you feel is the best thing about emerging from quarantine?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Galatians 5:1, 13-14**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



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Monday

Read Galatians 5:1 *Freedom in Christ*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *When did you feel most free over the past week? The least free?*
2. *How do you see yourself as free in Christ?*

Prayer Focus Immanuel, you came to show us how to let go of the things that bind us to this world. Show us how we can be free of things that are not fulfilling, not sustaining, that lead us away from abundant life. Thank you for setting us free.

Tuesday

Read Galatians 5:1b *Stick with it*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Are there parts of your life that make you feel enslaved? Take time to talk to God about those parts of your life.*
3. *Reflect on what standing firm in Christ means to you.*

Prayer Focus Teacher, we're only strong in you, but your strength is enough for all. No matter what happens around us, no matter what entangles us, we know if we lean on you and hang in there, you'll lead us to freedom and a new creation greater than we can imagine.