

SERIES: GALATIANS

This semester looks at how we are to live as those who are no longer slaves to sin, but are set free in Christ.

This series walks through the book of Galatians, seeing what we are called to as those who have been delivered from slavery to sin and made to walk in freedom as new creations in Christ. We are set free by the gospel. We are set free from the need for approval from others, from the pursuit of self-salvation, and from slavery to sin. We are set free to make much of Jesus and to serve others.

Galatians 1:6-7: *6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ*

Galatians 5:1: *1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

GUIDES:

- While the series will cover the whole book of Galatians, this is not meant as an exegetical verse-by-verse study; rather, the intent is to see more systematically what the apostle Paul's letter has to teach us about our freedom in Christ and how we walk in it. Therefore, some of the Bible passages are out of order.

TIPS TO TEACH AND TALK IN THIS SERIES:

Encourage students to remember that while we are taking nine weeks to walk through this book, it is written as one letter. The original hearers would have heard the whole letter read at once. While there is benefit to going slow and diving deep into a few verses at a time, it can be easy to forget the context of the whole letter.

Encourage students to regularly read through the whole book of Galatians in one sitting. Depending on their current Bible reading habits, you may encourage them to read through the whole book every day for one week, weekly, or monthly throughout this series. Challenge them to go one step beyond their current rhythm and routines.

Tips for the church:

- Connect this series to the one previously through Exodus and the Ten Commandments. How does the law shape how we walk in freedom as Christians under the new covenant?

Tips for the home:

- Talk with your student about choices they face throughout their days, in school, with regards to their future, etc.
- What does it look like biblically to have freedom in Christ? How is a worshipful understanding of our freedom different from how culture thinks about freedom? Talk practically about how we walk in freedom as Christians.

GAME PLAN PAGE

The Game Plan page is meant to be used as a resource to guide parents and teachers in how each guide interacts within its series.

This page provides an overview of the series, how the individual guides work together to make up a holistic series, and practical tips to make the most of this teaching series in your church or home.