

FREEDOM IS FOUND IN BECOMING SERVANTS OF JESUS

BIG TRUTH: FREEDOM IS FOUND IN BECOMING SERVANTS OF JESUS

Romans 6:22; 8:15; 1 Peter 2:16; 1 Corinthians 9:18-19; 1 Samuel 12:14; Joshua 24:24

BIBLE VERSE: GALATIANS 1:10

"For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is the only way we can have freedom.
- True freedom means giving our lives to Jesus.
- Servants of Christ live for Jesus alone.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GALATIANS 1:1-10

UNITE: LIVING IN FREEDOM

The Unite year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are brought into the family of God- seen throughout the Old Testament as "God's People" and in the New Testament and today as the church (Exodus 6:7; Colossians 1:18). We are set free from our sin to walk in freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1) and use our influence to call others to do the same.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- True freedom is only found in being a servant of Jesus
- We are set free not to do whatever we want, but to live for Christ



Every student should feel...

- Grateful for Christ who sets us free
- Convicted of the ways that they are ruled by the desires of their flesh
- Responsible to use their influence to make much of God alone



Every student should strive to...

- Read through the book of Galatians each week
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Deny the desires of their flesh to walk in step with the Spirit



Every student should want...

- See the ways that they are tempted to pursue self-salvation, and repent of these
- Live for the approval of God, not others
- Help others move out of slavery to sin toward freedom in Christ

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss the truth that freedom comes by serving Jesus with our son or daughter. We will pray with our son or daughter asking God to help them desire to serve one another to be a servant of Jesus as we lead them to live for Jesus alone.

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Read Galatians 1:1-10 this week and answer the questions below in your journal:

- Paul begins his letter to the churches in Galatia by mentioning the eternal life that is possible through Jesus. What is significant about this?
- Why does Paul remind the churches in the opening of his letter of the salvation that is made possible through Jesus? Why do they need to be reminded of this?
- God's people are not their own. How does Paul teach the churches in Galatia of this truth in these first ten verses?
- What trouble was facing the churches in Galatia? How did Paul tell them to handle the trouble?
- How does verse 10 hold a promise for all believers?

Read and meditate on Galatians 1:1-10 this week. Use the questions below to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that no believer belongs to himself or herself. How can you help your son or daughter understand that they were bought with a price?
- Consider how to discuss the truth that Jesus sets His people free to be His servants. How can you model this truth to your son or daughter this week?
- Ponder the truth that believers live for Jesus alone. How can you help your son or daughter establish the habit of setting their minds on the things above.



Pray for your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them live for Jesus alone.
- Pray with your student this week asking God to guide them to grow in their understanding of what it means to be a servant of Jesus.



Memorize Galatians 1:10 this week.

- Write the verse on an index card and review it each day to help your son or daughter learn it.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that he or she can be a servant this week. Share with them some ways that you live for Jesus alone by setting aside the things of the world to live for Jesus. Share a time when you were faced with a choice to fulfill an earthly desire or live as a servant of Jesus.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she may struggle to live for Jesus alone. Talk through some of the challenges that he or she may face in overcoming caring what others think. Encourage them to take these challenges to God in prayer.