

JESUS SETS US FREE TO SERVE OTHERS

BIG TRUTH: JESUS SETS US FREE TO SERVE OTHERS

1 Corinthians 9:19; 1 Peter 4:10; Mark 12:31; Romans 13:9; James 2:8

BIBLE VERSE: GALATIANS 5:13

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another..."

BIG IDEAS

- Our freedom is not for our own sake.
- When we are free in Christ, we reject using our freedom for selfishness.
- When we are free in Christ, we love our neighbor as ourselves.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GALATIANS 5:13-16

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 Jesus sets us free to serve others. We will pray for our sons and daughters to grow in their desire to serve others as we lead them to practice loving others through service to them.

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Read Galatians 5:13-16 this week and answer the questions below in your journal:

- What kind of freedom is Paul referring to in verse 13? How have believers been set free and called to freedom?
- How should believers use their freedom? Why does it matter how believers use their freedom?
- What is the opposite of using freedom to serve others?
- Why does it matter how fellow believers treat one another?
- How is the law fulfilled by believers loving one another?

Read and meditate on Galatians 5:13-16 this week. Use the questions below to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that they are set free to serve others. How can you help them understand that their freedom is not for themselves?
- Consider how to model for your son or daughter the truth that we are to love others by serving them. How can you serve others this week?
- Ponder how to help your son or daughter understand the truth that they are to love their neighbors. How can you help them identify their neighbors and show them how to love them biblically?



Pray for your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them grow in their love for their neighbors.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to increase their desire to serve others in love.



Memorize Galatians 5:13 with your son or daughter this week.

- Write the verse on an index card and review it each day.
- Help your son or daughter make a list of three to five people they can serve this week. Help them identify specific ways to serve the people on their list.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can serve someone else in the church this week. Help them identify and accomplish one specific act of service this week.