

LEARN

Read Galatians 5:1-6 together. What stands out to you from the text, and what did you find encouraging/challenging from Sunday's sermon?

What does this text tell us we are free from?

(The power of sin, both practical/daily as well as ultimate/eternal. The Law and God's wrath; the Law no longer condemns us)

Circumcision is not "our issue" as Christians today, but there are other things Christians cling to and believe make them better/true Christians. What are some examples of those things and how are they dangerous when believed?

("Circumcision" can be anything you think is essential to your salvation and security with God. Good deeds, Bible reading, prayer, work ethic and more can be modern examples of this kind of belief)

How would you explain verse 6 to an immature Christian who is struggling to understand "only faith working through love" and forsake their reliance on works?

(Example: Help them understand Christ's work is the foundation and reason anyone is right/justified before God. Faith is banking everything on God's promise, not our effort, to save us through Christ)

PRACTICE

We all struggle to stand firm in freedom every day. How have you seen yourself prone to submit to a yoke of slavery in sin?

Testimony time! How have you seen the practical power (daily reality) and the ultimate power (death, separation from God) of sin defeated in your life? In what ways are you experiencing that recently?

Christians who struggle with legalism often believe they have to earn God's love and they fear they've never done enough to feel secure. What truths from verses 5-6 are needed to fight these struggles?

(Embrace the power of the Holy Spirit's presence & help. Ask Him to help you rest by faith in the work of Christ, especially when we sin. Righteousness is ours now in Christ and will be ours eternally, perfectly)

(Large Group prayer suggestion: Spend 10 minutes praying through Gal 5:1-6. Re-read it out loud once more. Ask the Spirit to powerfully work these truths into our heart, declare/celebrate our freedom in Christ)

CHANGE

In moments when you realize you've sinned, which is harder for you to believe as a Christian: That you really are free in Christ, or that you don't have to earn your back way to God?

(Leaders: After several people share, pray as a group and ask the Lord to apply the gospel to each of your lives in a specific way so that together you walk in the freedom Christ has for us)