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WEEK 5

SCRIPTURE

GALATIANS 4 - Read the entire chapter

JOHN 14:6 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 17:20-22 (NIV) "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one."

JAMES 2:8 (NIV) If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.

MATTHEW 7:20 (NIV) Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

1. What was your biggest takeaway from this weekend's message?
2. Why do you think so many people think they'll get into heaven as a result of "being a good person?" Why does this strategy fall short? What other strategies do people suggest for why God should let them into heaven?
3. Senior Pastor Steve Poe made the statement, "When it comes to justification, when it comes to our right standing before God, outward action or no action holds no favor. What matters is faith expressing itself in love." How do we practically live out this truth?
4. So far in Galatians, we've heard the Apostle Paul speak harshly against the "Jesus plus works" crowd, but in chapter five he suddenly says, "... Don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature ..." Galatians 5:13 (NLT). Why is Paul now flipping the script?
5. Have you ever met someone who does whatever they want, only to simply ask for forgiveness? Have you ever been that type of person? What does Paul have to say about this approach to life?

6. Some have said, "I know I shouldn't do this, but hey – God will forgive me anyway." What does this type of attitude reveal about the condition of our hearts? In what ways should our love for God influence our desire to do right or wrong?
7. Reread verses 16-18 in Galatians 5. To walk by the Spirit means to submit your life to the leading of the Spirit and not the desires of the flesh. Take a few moments to encourage one another by sharing examples of successes you've had regarding leaning into the Holy Spirit rather than giving in to unspiritual cravings.
8. Take another look at the Fruit of the Spirit by rereading Galatians 5:22-23. Take turns sharing in the group, with two specific thoughts in mind. First, which fruit is showing up most clearly and consistently in your life? Second, which fruit isn't showing up as consistently?
9. In closing, as a group, take time to pray and celebrate the good fruit that's showing up in your lives, and also ask God to strengthen each of you in the areas where fruit is lacking.

