

# † FREEDOM

A NINE-PART SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

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DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 6 (November 9-15)

## SAY NO TO SLAVERY

### WELCOME.

Welcome to our DGroup! This is week 6 of our series, FREEDOM. In this passage, Paul reminds the Galatians of their identity in Jesus, and that turning back to legalism is a return to slavery to sin and a rejection of the freedom we have in Christ. Let's dive in.

### WORSHIP.

**Sing:** *This is our God* (Phil Wickham)

### WORD.

**Introduction:** This passage is a powerful call to the Galatians to reject legalism and embrace the freedom and grace offered in Christ's new covenant, reminding them of their true identity as God's children. IN the first part of chapter 4, Paul beautiful uses the Roman concept of adoption to illustrate the believer's new status as children of God, with all the rights and privileges that entails. This adoption is not based on works or lineage, but on God's grace and faith in Christ.

**Scripture:** GALATIANS 4:8-20

#### Dig Deep into God's Word:

1. **A HUMBLE PLEA TO REMEMBER THE LIFE GOD REDEEMED THEM FROM** (verses 8-11).
  - What was your condition and position before hearing the Gospel?
  - Before coming to faith in Jesus, what was your religious life like?
  - What do you think are the "weak and miserable forces" Paul warns us about?
  - Why is it dangerous to turn back to legalism after experiencing the freedom of Christ?
2. **A HEARTFELT CALL TO RETURN TO FREEDOM IN THE GOSPEL** (verses 12-16).
  - How does Paul's tone change in these verses?
  - What emotions do you detect Paul is expressing?
  - Why is Paul so concerned about the Galatians' departure from and return to the true gospel?
3. **A HARROWING REQUEST TO RENEW THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE TRUTH** (verses 17-20).
  - How does this passage encourage us to approach those who are straying from the faith?
  - What is the significance of Paul's willingness to become "as you are" for the sake of the Galatians?
  - How does this passage illustrate Paul's pastoral care for the church?

### WORK.

#### Apply God's Word:

1. After experiencing salvation, why do some Christians return to their former bad habits?
2. What bad habits are hard for you to break?
3. Why is it important to remember the misery of our life before we came to Jesus?
4. How can we continue to live and grow in the freedom Jesus won for us?
5. How can we show concern for and call back Christians who have turned away from the truth?