

+

F R E E D O M

A NINE-PART SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 8 (November 23-29)

FREEDOM AND THE FRUIT

WELCOME.

WORSHIP.

Sing: *REST ON US* (Maverick Worship)

WORD.

Introduction: Remember the second to the last question in last week's study guide? *Are Christians still bound to follow rules or are we free to do whatever we want?* In Galatians 5:1-26 we see that Christians are called to freedom in Christ and should not be burdened by the law's constraints. But this freedom, is not an opportunity to do whatever we want in the flesh but a call to serve one another in love by the power of the Spirit. The passage contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit, highlighting that living under the Spirit's guidance.

Scripture: GALATIANS 5:1-26

Dig Deep into God's Word:

1. What challenge did Paul set before the Galatians? (5:1-6)
2. How did Paul describe the Galatians' Christian experience? (5:7)
3. How had false teaching affected the Galatian church? (5:8-9)
4. What is Paul's warning to those who bring confusion to people of faith? (5:10-12)
5. What law should operate within the Christian community? (5:13-14)
6. Life in the Spirit operates in love. How does Paul describe the operation of life in the Spirit? (5:16-18)
7. In verses 19 to 21, Paul reminds the Galatians of the worldly lifestyle God redeemed them from, what are these things?
8. In verse 21, Paul warns that those who continue to live in the world have not truly been saved, why do you think this is so?
9. Verses 22 to 23 teach us about the fruit of the Holy Spirit. These are the opposite of the worldly things listed in verse 19. What are the different fruit Paul mentions?
10. How does the Fruit of the Spirit affect all areas of the believer's life? (5:24-26)

WORK.

Apply God's Word:

1. The Fruit of the Spirit is a set of rules we must follow. Instead, they are a result of a genuine relationship with Jesus. How much should we rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance and power in our lives?
2. Why do we sometimes tend to make excuses for letting our old nature take over?
3. How can a person cultivate the character qualities of the Holy Spirit in his or her life?
4. How do you see the fruit of the Holy Spirit growing in your life?
5. What can you do this week to nurture the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life?