



Bible Study Questions

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Galatians 5:1-15

Introduction

Paul warns against falling back into the slavery of the law while also cautioning against using freedom as an excuse for sin. True Christian freedom is marked by faith expressing itself through love.

Opening Question:

- How would you compare the world's idea of freedom and Christianity's idea of freedom?

Read & Reflect

Read Galatians 5:1-15 at least twice using different versions of the Bibles. As you read or listen to the words, reflect and share on the following:

- What stands out or what do you notice?
- What questions are raised for you?
- What challenges you?

Read Galatians 5:1-6

Paul begins with a powerful statement:

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

The Galatians were being pressured to follow Jewish laws, particularly circumcision, as a requirement for salvation. Paul warns that adding anything to the gospel of grace nullifies the work of Christ.

Discussion Questions:

- What are some modern examples of legalism—adding unnecessary rules to faith?
- How does faith expressing itself through love (v. 6) shape the way we live?

Read Galatians 5:7-12

Paul uses the analogy of yeast spreading through dough to illustrate how false teaching can corrupt the church:

"A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." (Galatians 5:9)

False teachings, no matter how small, can lead believers away from the truth of the gospel. Paul expresses confidence that the Galatians will return to the right path but strongly condemns those leading them astray.

Discussion Questions:

- Why is false teaching so dangerous, even when it seems minor?
- How can we guard ourselves and others from drifting away from the truth?
- Paul speaks strongly against those who distort the gospel (v. 12). Why do you think he uses such strong language?

Read Galatians 5:13-15

Paul clarifies that Christian freedom is not a license to indulge in sin:

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13)

Genuine freedom leads to love and service, not selfishness. Paul warns that if believers are divided and attack one another, they will destroy their community.

Discussion Questions:

- How can we use our freedom in Christ to serve others?
- What are some ways that selfishness can harm relationships in the church?
- How does living by love fulfill the whole law (v. 14)?