

Study Questions:

Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

Key passage: Galatians 5:7-13a

1. What questions did this week's message raise for you?
2. Galatians 5:7-12 is a wild and confusing passage, especially for those of us all these millennia after the situation in Galatia has occurred. Still, as the Bible is the Word of God, all of it ought to have something to say to us.
 - a) What does this text imply about who God is and how we ought to view him?
 - b) Who is Paul's confidence in, regarding the future outcome of this struggle he is in (v. 10)?
3. Looking at Paul's baking analogy in v. 9, what is the yeast and what is the dough? Do you think the future implications of this are why he is so riled up?
4. Looking at v. 11, what do you think he means by the "offense of the cross"? In what ways do we try to do away with that "offense" of the cross of Jesus? In our thinking about the gospel? In our talking about the gospel?
5. In what ways have you experienced God's call to be free? [v. 13 — e.g., it could be in letting go of guilt, putting expectations in their place, or many, many other ways]
 - a) Having experienced the freedom of God's grace, how practically does that affect your view of who God is?
 - b) Freedom in grace means you're free to have a true view of how God has called you to live your life—that is, you don't have to clutter it up with a bunch of other things. In what specific way can you live that freedom this week?

Spend some time in prayer as a group adoring and thanking God for who He is.



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Grace, part 4

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Isaiah 6:1

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

1. The singularity of a _____ is the solution to every human problem.

Galatians 5:7-13a

⁷You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? ⁸That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ⁹"A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough."

¹⁰I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will have to pay the penalty, whoever that may be. ¹¹Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. ¹²As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

2. An _____ is the only way to make room for God.

Exodus 12:14-15

Matthew 5:8

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