

## 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 5:13-15

1. What questions did this week's message raise for you?
2. Read (out loud if you're willing) all of Galatians 5:13-15.
  - a) According to these verses the freedom God's gives us by His grace is for what purpose?
  - b) What is the "sinful nature" (literally "the flesh") and why does Paul use that phrase here in the context of freedom?
  - c) How does the transformation from operating out of the sinful nature to living out of grace take place? [hint: Who does the "calling" in v. 13? – Paul is introducing a person here that he'll be talking about for the rest of the letter]
3. Looking at v. 15 (which we did not deal with on Sunday) does it bring of memories of relationships or church experiences where what is spoken of here occurred for you? Talk as a group about YOUR reaction to those circumstances [Note: Continuing to attach blame to people who have hurt us in the past is harmful to our spirits, but if we surface what WE are truly feeling and thinking about such experiences that gives an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work in us.].
4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16. What encouragement does that give you about how the Spirit will work in your life?
5. As a group: 1) How can you pray for each other this week? 2) What can you do together to encourage others in your Church, and our community this week? [make a plan]



# Grace and Love

Grace, part 5

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### Galatians 5:13-14

<sup>13</sup>You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup>For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

### Matthew 22:35:40

<sup>35</sup>One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

1. God's love in his people is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The simple truth is that God's love \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1 John 4:19

*We love because he first loved us.*

3. God even \_\_\_\_\_.