

Free – The Freedom of “Me Too”

Weekend Discussion Questions

August 9-10, 2014

Community:

1. As summer comes to an end and you look back, what were a few of your favorite memories from this summer?
2. What are some things you still want to get done before the beginning of Fall?

Core:

1. What are a few of the things that stand out to you from the last five weeks of the “Free” series?
2. Paul is clear throughout the book of Galatians that “it is by grace through faith in Jesus that you are saved...period.” How would you explain that to a friend? How do people sometimes get that wrong?
3. When someone has accepted the free gift of grace from God, but continues to live as though nothing has changed, how does that demonstrate that they’ve misunderstood grace in the first place?
4. How would the free gift of grace, and the inner transformation happening in our hearts as fruit of the Spirit, affect the way we treated other people?
5. Look at Galatians 5:26. What would cause a Christian to “become conceited”?
6. Now read Galatians 6:1. How is confronting a person in a spirit of gentleness with the goal of restoration different than the way some Christians confront people?
7. Read verse 2. What are some of the burdens you’ve had to bear over the course of your life? Which did you have to bear alone, and which ones did someone else help carry?
8. Read verse 3. Why does Paul follow up verse 2 with verse 3—how do these two statements relate?
9. Now read verses 4-5. How do these verses not negate everything Paul wrote in verse 2?
10. Read what Jesus says about our burdens in Matthew 11:28-30. How does Jesus offer help with our burdens and rest for our soul?

Challenge:

1. What is a burden that you know someone in your life is carrying on their own? (you don’t have to tell the group the name of the person if you want to keep it private.)
2. What would their life look like if they didn’t have that burden to bear alone anymore?
3. What would it look like for you to help them bear that burden?