

Free – Spiritual Stockholm Syndrome

Weekend Discussion Questions

July 5-6, 2014

Community:

1. Are you more of a rule-follower or a rule-breaker? Give an example of how you stack up one way or the other.

Core:

1. Scott talked about how when people encounter legalism and rules, some people fight, some people run, and some try to follow them all—how have you seen this in your life?
2. We're going to look at one of Paul's journeys to spread the Gospel. What are a couple of the reasons Paul was so passionate about taking the good news about Jesus all around the world?
3. We're going to be looking at Acts 14. How would you summarize the first 13 chapters of Acts?
4. Read Acts 14:1-7. Why do you think people tried to attack Paul and Barnabas?
5. Now read Acts 14:8-12. The people thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. Who do people in our culture idolize? What do you have to do today for people to idolize you like that?
6. Now read Acts 14:13-20. If you had been driven out of a city, what would you be thinking at that point?
7. Around this time in church history Paul writes the book of Galatians, and Paul uses some very strong words for people who were beginning to embrace wrong teachings. Read through Galatians 1:1-10, and answer: What are some of the strong statements Paul is making here?
8. Scott said that we can develop spiritual Stockholm syndrome—where we develop an attachment with the sin that has enslaved and harassed us? How have you seen sin slowly destroy someone, and why do we tend to continue to run after it even though it hurts us?
9. Paul uses the word "slave" to describe our relationship with Christ—how does being a *slave* to Christ actually bring us true *freedom*?

Challenge:

1. If we can't do anything to earn God's love or deserve grace, than what's the point of actually doing what God says?
2. What's one area of your life that you need to receive grace in? What does that look like?