

Free – Free to Live
Weekend Discussion Questions
August 2-3, 2014

Community:

1. What were you like as a child?
2. Do you have a memory of a time when you realized, in one way or another, that you had grown up? What was that memory?

Core:

1. Throughout Galatians 4, Paul is telling the Galatians that they are sons (heirs) of God through faith. In chapter 5, Paul is going to talk about the signs of God's work in someone's life. Why is it important that people understand chapter 4 before reading chapter 5?
2. Scott said: "Your status as God's child is not dependent on the pace of your transformation." Why is this so important for us to remember? What happens if we think the opposite is true?
3. Read Galatians 5:1. How do Christians give up their freedom in Christ for a "yoke of slavery"?
4. Now read verses 2-6. What are some of the things Christians try to do in order to justify themselves before God *in addition* to faith in Jesus?
5. Skip down and read verses 13-15. Paul says, "do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh." How have you seen Christians do this?
6. Now read verses 16-18. Paul acknowledges that walking by the Spirit will sometimes "keep us from doing the things we want to do." How have you experienced that?
7. Read through verses 22-23. Why does Paul refer to these as the "fruit of the Spirit"?

Challenge:

1. How does what Jesus did for us and what the Spirit is doing within us produce these different characteristics (fruit):
 - a. Love
 - b. Joy
 - c. Peace
 - d. Patience
 - e. Kindness
 - f. Goodness
 - g. Faithfulness
 - h. Gentleness
 - i. Self-control
2. Take some time to pray that we would continue to be reminded of what Jesus did for us, and that we wouldn't hinder the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.