Free – Truth and Grace: Taking Shots from Both Sides

Weekend Discussion Questions July 12-13, 2014

Community:

- 1. When you hear people criticizing Flatirons, how does it make you feel?
- 2. What are some of the things you hear people say about Flatirons? How do you respond?

Core:

- 1. As Paul talks about how Christians have been "set free", what do you think that meant to the Christians he was talking to 2000 years ago? What does it mean to Christians today?
- 2. Why do you think that Paul had to keep on reminding Christians that Jesus had set them free?
- 3. Jim said that when you run after a life of freedom in Christ that is defined by truth *and* grace, you'll get shot at by both sides? How have you seen that play out?
- 4. Thinking through the lives of Jesus and Paul, what are some examples of those men being shot at by both sides?
- 5. Look at Galatians 2:20. What does it mean to be "crucified with Christ"?
- 6. We're going to look at the three things Jim told us we can expect if we hold onto truth and grace like Paul—but if you had to describe Paul's life in a few words, what would you say?
- 7. Jim said, "Not everyone is going to trust you or believe you've changed." How have you seen that to be true?
- 8. Look at Galatians 1:11-12. How does Paul respond to people who don't think he's changed?
- 9. Jim also said, "Not everyone is going to agree with you or understand your decisions when you follow Jesus." How have you experienced that?
- 10. Read Galatians 1:10. What does it look like to seek the approval of God rather than man?
- 11. Lastly, Jim said, "Your faith must be in Jesus, not in human leaders." Why is it dangerous to put our faith in human leaders more than Jesus?

Challenge:

- 1. Do you lean more towards being a "truth" person or a "grace" person?
- 2. What's one area where you can take a step towards the middle to becoming a person full of grace *and* truth?

