

Small Group Study Guide, Week of July 7, 2024

Galatians 5:1-18

Big Idea: Abiding in the freedom we have in Christ is foundational for living the abundant life.

Ice Breaker: What experience(s) have you had with yeast working or not to make dough rise?

Dig:

1. In vv1-6, Paul sounds pretty agitated. What is so serious among the Galatians to cause Paul's reaction? (see Galatians 3:19-25)
2. In vv7-12, Paul still sounds pretty agitated. Is this regarding the same issue from vv1-6, or is there something else? If something else, what is it and how does it relate to his previous concern?
3. In vv13-15, how does Paul navigate between the dangers of legalism and total license?
4. In vv16-18, what does Paul mean when he writes "live by the Spirit" and "led by the Spirit"?

Apply:

5. What "spiritual yardstick" does our church use to see who measures up? How does it compare to verse 6? What should we do about that? What will you do?
6. How have you seen Christian freedom abused? How does Paul's antidote in v6 apply to that situation?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)