



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of December 26 & 27, 2020*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Galatian 5:13-15

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

The heart and soul of Paul's message to the Galatians is that in Christ, the Christian is free. Along with this glorious message of freedom, Paul also warns the Galatians not to turn their freedom into an opportunity for the flesh. Rather he tells the Galatians that true Christian freedom means not living according to our sinful flesh, but by the Spirit we can live unto God and live to serve one another in love.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Christian freedom should never be used as an opportunity to satisfy the sinful flesh. Christian freedom is not a license to sin. What would you say to a person who claims to be Christian, but continues to willfully live a sinful unrepentant life because he/she thinks they have been freed by Christ from all condemnation?
2. Jesus was the perfect example of true Christian freedom. His power was such that He was free to do anything He wanted. He could calm a storm, heal a leper, rebuke a demon, and even raise the dead, all with just a word. Yet He did not use His freedom to serve Himself. Rather He used

His freedom to serve us! As a child of the King and co-heir with Jesus, how are you now free to love and serve one another?

3. Pastor Dan said that “genuine love for God will necessarily manifest itself in love for others”, and “real love for God expresses itself in real love for people.” With this in mind, what is the danger of the new “virtual Christianity” that has been necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic?
  
4. If love does not characterize the church, selfishness will. In v.15, Paul portrays a picture of animals biting and devouring one another as a picture of a loveless church. Are you living a life of love or selfishness? Pastor Dan challenged us to take stock of our lives. Are your relationships characterized by love? Or by something else? Are your friends, people you hope to get something out of? Or, are your friends people you hope to give yourself to? Husbands/wives, ask yourself, “how can I encourage my spouse in love?” As a Christian, how can you serve the Body of Christ, the church?