

Law, Liberty & Fruit W/C 15th Nov 2020

Galatians 5 heralds the start of Paul's advice on how to put into practise what he has taught in the previous 4 chapters. He explains that the Galatians should live in freedom; free from the shackles of the law and liberated in the fact that their belief in Jesus and his finished work on the cross was all that they needed for their salvation. So, what did this new freedom look like? How do they, and we, live in the light of that freedom today?



Ice Breaker: How would you define freedom?



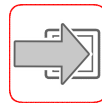
UP: Spend some time in worship: You might like to choose a song to play or plan an alternative act of worship that is appropriate to your group.



UP: Looking at God's word together:
Read: Galatians 5:1, 13-26

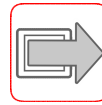
Discussion Questions

1. What were the distinct differences between the gospel that Paul was preaching and that of the Judaizers? (v.1-6)
2. How does the Law help us in our Christian lives today?
3. In what ways can we show love for one another today, especially in our current circumstances?
4. What kind of safeguards can we put in place in order not to 'gratify' our sinful nature (v16)?
5. How can we cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in our own lives?
6. What does walking by the Spirit look like in our lives today?



IN: Spend some time in prayer.

- **Encourage the members of the group to join in with the Wednesday evening prayer meetings.**
- Pray to the mental well-being of folk during yet another lockdown.
- Pray for our missionary links.
- Pray for the financial challenges faced by the church.
- Pray for the leadership team as they seek wisdom in leading the church.
- Pray that we all might grow to know Jesus more and gain a passion to make Him known to others.



OUT: How does the churches view of freedom differ from that of the world?