

## Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email [info@revolutionky.org](mailto:info@revolutionky.org).

## Series Synopsis

Easter is here and spring has sprung! There are signs of new life all around us. So how do we continue to live into the hope of Christ and the promise of the coming Kingdom now? How do we continue in hope with our changed hearts and changed lives when the world remains largely... unchanged? Join us this spring as we explore how to live in freedom, joy, hope, and peace now through a study of Galatians and a focus on the only thing that really matters... our faith in Christ working through love.

## Message Synopsis

For freedom, Christ has set us free! Now what? What does this freedom mean? And how do we live into freedom now? Galatians give us a beautiful image, a hopeful picture, of what it means to be a loving Christian community through times of transition, change, and challenge. By focusing on the one thing that matters above all the rest, faith in Christ working through love, we can become the people that God calls us to be in one community, gathered together by the Spirit.

## Key Scriptures

*Galatians 5:1-6*

## Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. What is the first thing you think of when you hear the phrase "set free in Christ"? At its basic level, what do you think it means?
2. How is this freedom different from our understanding of freedom in a political context or as American citizens?
3. Paul encourages the Galatians to "stand firm" and to not become "burdened again by the yoke of slavery." As we explored in the teaching, Paul was encouraging the people to stand firm, not against outside attack, but against any inside corruption of the gospel. That is, believers in Christ assuming they need to rely on works of the law to be righteous. It is still so easy for us to fall into this trap today with a rules-based righteousness or faith. If I just pray harder, serve more, if I have more intentional quiet times, then.... I will be righteous in God's eyes.
  - a. Why do you think it is so easy to slip into this mindset? Or as Paul calls it, to "fall away from grace"?
  - b. When do you struggle with this the most?
  - c. What freedom and grace can you offer yourself this week to remember that it is for freedom, that you have been set free?

## Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

**Video: “Freedom In Repentance”** (3.5 min)

(located in the “Renovation Home Groups” channel)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/illustration/139859>

1. Take a moment to discuss this video freely. What stuck out to you? What bothered you? What questions did this raise for you? Even consider where and why your mind wandered as you watched, as it might reveal something of your heart or something of significance in the message.
2. How do you relate to Lacey’s story?
3. Where do you most feel the need to prove yourself and compare yourself to others?
4. Do you experience freedom in repentance on a daily basis? Explain.
5. Who do you know personally that seems to live in the most freedom? What about their life causes you to see them this way? Is this a surface freedom, or is it a deep, transformational freedom that comes from life in Christ?
6. Take a few minutes to pray silently a prayer of personal repentance. Ask God to set you free as you lay each thing that comes to mind at his feet. Then, in groups of 2 or 3 (or as a whole, if you’re meeting virtually), pray aloud for one another specifically to receive joy and freedom out of their repentance.

### Family-Related Questions:

1. How do your children perceive Christianity? Is it a bunch of rules and commands that restrict, or is it a way of life that brings joy and freedom?
2. How did they get this perception? Do you think their perception is right or wrong?
3. How can you influence this perception in their lives?