

## Study Questions - Freedom Centred - Galatians 5.1-12

### 1) What does freedom mean to you?

In your group take a moment to invite everyone to offer a word they associate with freedom (try and avoid repetition, but without over-thinking). What do these words suggest about our concept of freedom?

### 2) 'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.' (5.1)

How do you think Paul understands freedom in the gospel?

What does Jesus set us free from? What does Jesus set us free for?

### 3) '... do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.' (5.1)

How would you say the Galatian church lacked freedom? In what areas do you think the Church lacks freedom today?

### 4) 'You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.' (5.4)

Why does Paul say the Galatians have fallen away from grace?

What's so amazing about grace?

The author Philip Yancey once defined grace by saying: *'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more and there is nothing we can do to make God love us less.'* How hard or easy do you find it to believe that?

When do you have to be careful of falling away from grace? How can you safeguard yourself from doing this?

### 4) 'The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.' (5.6)

How would you put this in your own words? How would you explain it to others?

### 6) As you think about your life, where would you like to experience more of Christ's freedom?

What do you need setting free from or for?