



GROUPDISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK Nov 13–19

MAIN IDEA

Where is following the law preventing freedom in Christ?

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week/holidays. High: What was your biggest highlight since we last met? Low: What was the low point during this time?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

Are you a rule follower? Or do you hear rules and have a tendency to think “nope”?

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 15 min

1. Read Galatians 3:2-3. Paul is asking the Jews how they received the Spirit, but is asking in a way that requires them to reflect. What is Paul asking them to reflect on?
2. In what ways have you or someone you know relied on Christian rules or laws in order to be a “good Christian”?

3. The Old Testament was marked by the Law given to Moses and written in the first five books of the Bible. The New Testament was marked by Jesus’ death on a cross signifying freedom from the laws. The Jews in Galatia were tempted to say that for people to come to Christ, they had to go through the laws. How does this thought go against what is said in the New Testament?
4. What scripture supports your answer?
5. Galatians 5:19 helps us understand why the law was given in the first place. What is the reason given?
6. Read Galatians 3:23-24. How does this verse impact the way you view the law of the Old Testament based on the verbiage used to describe the purpose of the laws?
7. How can we be made sensitive to the need of a savior through the law?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

1. What modern day Christian laws do you still have a tendency to enforce, either for yourself or others, instead of remaining in Christ?
2. What is one way you can start to turn to Christ in those areas?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

Let’s immerse ourselves into the book of Galatians during this study. You can join our church-wide reading plan called “Live Free” on the YouVersion Bible app. Spend some time in the devotion everyday and share some of your reflections with your group.

Note: You can easily find the plan by making Summit Christian Church your home church on the YouVersion Bible app. Log in to the app and then type our church name in the “discover” section and click on our logo.