

Sunday, May 26, 2019 - "Free: Week 5 - Free to be Fruitful" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Galatians 5:13-26, John 8:36, Galatians 2:20

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- You can be physically free and emotionally in bondage. You can physically in bondage but emotionally free
- The freedom in Galatians is a freedom that goes beyond circumstance
- Galatians 5:13-26
 - Freedom can feel a lot like permission
 - This is a human tendency to abuse the freedom we are given
 - v25 calls us to keep in step with Him
- v14: Love is the supreme ethic
 - It keeps us from sinning against God and against others
 - When we know how loved we really are by God → it becomes a driving force to love others and make better and wiser decisions
 - It is more about our identity than changing our behaviors
 - The goal is not behavior change BUT the spirit shaping our identity and understanding of God's love for us
- Life in step with the Spirit VS. life out of step
 - Galatians 2:20
 - The works of the flesh are in plain sight (out of step from the spirit) in contrast to the fruit of the Spirit
 - We have to be careful...CH. 5 can become just a list of do's and don't's
 - It is really a litmus test...a way of asking, "Am I paying attention to the work of God in my life?"
- If you belong to Christ, you are his possession (Galatians 2:20)
- Keep in step...with the living God
 - Like dancing
 - Like in the military
 - A sports team that overcomes having less talent by being in step with one another
- It's the greatest invitation of all time to walk in step with the Spirit of the God of the universe

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does it mean to you that you are God's possession?
2. Why do you struggle to understand just how much God loves you? How is he calling to you understand better?
3. When was a time when you were out of step with the Spirit? How did you know? What did God teach you?
4. In your own words, what does walking in step with the Spirit look and feel like for you?
5. Are you paying attention to the work of God in your life? What is he up to in you?
6. How can you tell when you are out of step with the Spirit? How do you get back in step?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Hosea 11 Tues: Hosea 12 Wed: Hosea 13 Thurs: Hosea 14 Fri: Philemon 1

Songs from the weekend: [Raise A Hallelujah - Bethel Music] - [Everlasting God - William Murphy] - [Surrounded (Fight My Battles - Upper Room)] - [Made A Way - Travis Greene] - [Reckless Love - Cory Asbury]