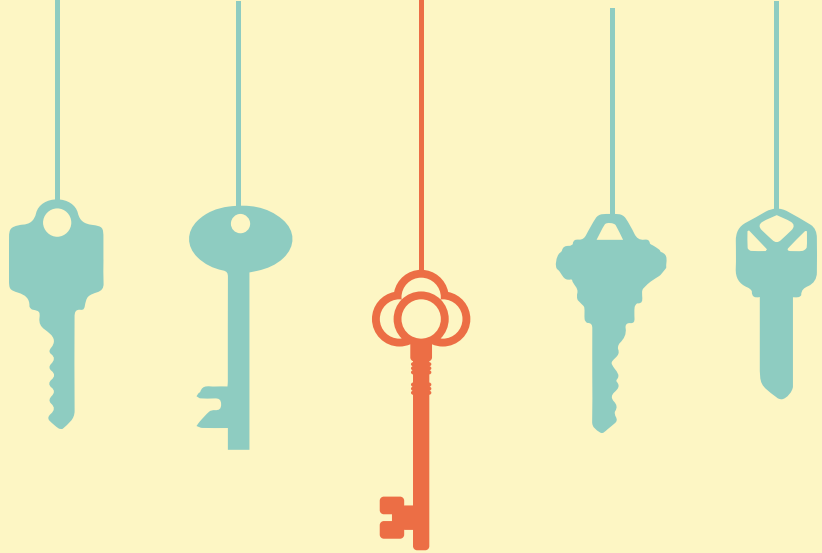

SET FREE

A STUDY IN GALATIANS

Small Group Study Guide

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Freedom

OVERVIEW

1) Freedom is part of God's plan.

2) We have to define what we mean by "freedom."

- The definition of "being free from all constraints and restraints" is false.

3) We need to understand that there are limits to our freedom because God loves us.

4) Religious conservatives hold the biggest threat to freedom.

5) Freedom comes when we follow Christ.

Warm-Up:

1. How would you define freedom?

2. When is a time in your life when you felt the most free?

Read: Galatians 5:1-12

Discuss:

1. Look back at verse 1. Is there a time when you felt that you went back to the "yolk of slavery?" When?

2. Read verse 3 again. Paul is not against Christians paying attention to moral law. What do you think he against in this verse and why?

3. Look at verses 7-8. It is clear that the Galatians were no longer living freely, but under a different kind of persuasion (vs. 8). If that kind of persuasion" doesn't come from God, where does it come from?

4. What do you think Paul means when he says "a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough" (vs 9)?

5. What do you think of the strong language Paul uses in verse 12? What does that communicate about living under the law?

6. How does it make you feel to know that God desires for us to be free?

7. Do you agree with Mike that religious conservatives are the biggest threat to freedom? Why or why not?

8. Freedom comes when we follow Christ. If you are a Christ follower, is there a time when you feel that you experienced freedom in Christ? What was that like?

Reflect:

Is there something that you need freedom from? A sin pattern, addiction, debt, guilt, etc.? Reflect on how Christ overcomes this week.