

UNLOCKING FREEDOM: A STUDY OF GALATIANS #14
SURRENDERING IN FREEDOM-FAITH
GALATIANS 6:3-18

LEADERS: BEFORE YOU MEET

Leaders, please download the songs “Embracing Accusation” and “Before the Throne (of God Above)” by Shane and Shane before your meeting time. You will need to play the songs during your group time. Also, please print the lyrics to the songs for each person in your group to read as they listen. You will use these as a part of your meeting time this week. If you or your group has difficulty with either of these things, please let Jeff or Brian know, and they’ll help you out.

THE BIG PICTURE OF GALATIANS

The book of the Bible that we call Galatians was actually a letter (sometimes called an “epistle”) from the Apostle Paul to churches in a region known as Galatia. In biblical times, letters like this one would likely have been read aloud to the church in a single sitting. We’ve taken nearly six months to mine the depths and riches of truth in Galatians, but it seems wise to also do as they would have done. So, we want to read the book together this week as a wrap-up to our “Unlocking Freedom” series. I hope that this will help to sink the nails on the many lessons God’s been teaching you through His Word.

Read Galatians 1:1-9. What is meant by “the gospel”? Why is “the gospel” so important?

Go around the group, having each person read one paragraph at a time, as you read Galatians 1:10-3:14.

Make sure everyone in the group has a copy of the lyrics for “Embracing Accusation” by Shane and Shane. The premise of the song is that Satan often uses and misuses God’s truth to deceive us. The writer of this song based it’s lyrics on Galatians 3:10-13. Play the song for the group to listen and reflect upon, and then answer the following questions:

- Why would Satan use the “truth of God” to accuse believers of their sinfulness and failure?
- How does Satan use our law-based or “performance” mindset to convince us that God doesn’t love us?
- Why must you “embrace this accusation” that you aren’t worthy of salvation in order to be saved?
- How should you answer Satan when he brings your failures to mind? Hint: see last two words of the song!

Go around the group, having each person read one paragraph at a time, as you read Galatians 3:15-4:7.

Listen to “Before the Throne (of God Above),” which truly answers Satan’s accusation. Feel free to crank it up and worship.

Go around the group, having each person read one paragraph at a time, as you read Galatians 4:8-6:18.

LIVING IT OUT

What is the most significant spiritual truth you’ve learned from our study of Galatians?

In the weeks to come, what specific plans do you have to “sow to the Spirit,” investing your time and energy in your spiritual life and ministry?

These sermon notes are produced each week for further study and discussion in our small groups. If you are interested in joining a small group, please contact Leslie Ann Yell at smallgroups@chathamchurch.org or 545-9589. Some of these questions were based on questions in other curriculum. If interested, ask Jeff Lawrence for a list of sources.