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INTRO

*in subsets if needed
(15 min)*

CARE

Looking back on the last week,
what is one thing for which you're thankful
and one thing for which we can pray?

Pray.

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FOCUS

Today we're placing our attention on Galatians 5:1-15,25-26.
Here Paul instructs us to serve one another.

Focus your time and attention on helping the group understand

- a) God has given us freedom from the law.
- b) that we can sacrifice our freedoms in order to serve one another.
- c) that love and service are synonymous in the Christian community.
- d) that we ought to actively seek our ways to serve and honor one another in
community.

READ

and re-read

Galatians 5:1–15, 25–26

[1] For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

[2] Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. [3] I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. [4] You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

[5] For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. [6] For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

[7] You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? [8] This persuasion is not from him who calls you. [9] A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

[10] I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. [11] But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. [12] I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

[13] For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. [14] For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [15] But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

(ESV)

[25] If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (ESV)

DISCUSS

(30 min)

| 1 |

What are the main ideas of this passage?

| 2 |

The Galatians to which Paul writes were Gentile believers who were experiencing pressure from their Jewish counterparts to be circumcised as new believers in Jesus.

What are Paul's thoughts and expectations regarding circumcision?

| 3 |

What would it mean about Christ's work on the cross if circumcision was a prerequisite for a right relationship with God?

| 4 |

Now that Paul has expressed our freedom in Christ, he pauses in verse 13 to explain that we are not to use our freedom to serve ourselves but rather to serve one another.

Give me some examples of instances when we might willfully sacrifice our freedom in order to serve one another?
(ex: drinking with an alcoholic)

| 5 |

Verse 26 mentions three things that could very well prevent us from serving one another.

What are those three things?
How do those actions and attitudes keep people from serving one another?
What can be done to overcome them to break through to servant-hearted community?

| 6 |

How might we practically serve one another in this Life Group?
Put some real thought into it.

OBEY

(10 min)

| 1 |

Are there any principles to apply or commands to obey from our passage today?

| 2 |

Is there something you need to do
- and/or -
someone you need to tell in response to what you've learned today?

Prayer of Commission

