

## FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

### DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

Earlier in this series, we asked you to consider the ways you've experienced the grace of God.

As you consider the grace poured out on you, how does that impact how you interact with other people? How does this play out in your daily life?

### FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Visit our resource page on the website to review the grace quotes Pastor Dave shared last week.

*The Gospel Primer* by Milton Vincent

*What's So Amazing About Grace?* by Philip Yancey

### GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

What does it look like to really bear someone else's burden? Where is God calling you to live this way right now?

### MEMORY VERSE:

*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. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Galatians 5:13-14, ESV

### DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

As you have practiced the 4Qs, the Prayer of Examen and seeking to savor your grace-given status in God's love in these last weeks, is there a rhythm you'd like to carry over into your regular practice of putting yourself in the path of God & his grace?



To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.

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Galatians 6

*Freedom For*

**ROOTED**  
*in Grace*



## SERMON NOTES

Freedom From **SHAME AND GUILT**, For **SACRIFICE**

Freedom From **SINFUL DESIRES**, For **OBEDIENCE TO THE SPIRIT**

Freedom From **ENVY AND DIVISION**, For **HUMBLE SERVICE AND GOODNESS**

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

What are your thoughts, feelings and actions when someone cuts in front of you (lunch, traffic, shopping, speaking)?

How have you sought to savor the gospel and the grace-given status you enjoy because of it this week?

## CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

**1. What does Paul mean by living in step with the Spirit in Galatians 5:16 & 25)? If we are made alive by the Holy Spirit, why do we still struggle with sin?**

There is an "already, not yet" nature to our lives as believers. We have been justified from sin, but not yet glorified (Romans 8:30). To put it another way, we are freed from sin's penalty, but not yet from its presence or power here on earth.

**2. What are the actions we are to take in this passage, the do's and don'ts? How do we understand these in light of our freedom and grace? How do we keep these from lapsing into legalism? What are the right reasons we should not want to do the bad things listed and do the good things listed?**

Last week, you may have discussed the motivations you have for obeying God's commands. This is a continuation of that discussion. One way to think about obedience and serving others is not to "pay God back" for his grace, but perhaps instead to "pay it forward" so that someone else can experience the grace, peace and joy that faith in Christ brings.

**3. Pastor Dave said, "If you want more fruit of the Spirit, get more Spirit." How do you cultivate this relationship? How can He help you gain victory over your sinful temptations? What specific sin needs to be confessed and therefore, mortally wounded? Is there one which is listed in v. 19-21? Which one?**

**4. Have you experienced the community-poisoning effect of sin? How do 6:1-2 illustrate ways of helping someone keep in step with the Spirit? Who do you know with a specific burden who you can help?**

The goal is to land on the Spirit's guidance in restoration and the bearing of other's burdens. There is opportunity here to dwell on the hurt - and while it is ok and important to recognize how sin affects community, let's help each other look to Jesus and how His Spirit heals, restores, and guides. Help each other move through acknowledging actual experiences of community-poisoning as a result of sin into the redemption power found in Jesus.

It may be helpful to collectively gather some Scripture that orients our hearts toward that end and help us dwell on Jesus.

**5. Read John 15:12-13. What is Jesus' command. How does this go along with Pastor Dave's point that we are personally free so that we can serve and sacrifice for each other?**

A follow up question to this can be found the Gospel in Everyday Life box. It is a great question to help flesh this out practically and perhaps, use it as a question to refer back to throughout the week as a community of people helping each other faithfully follow Jesus!