



BREAKING THE ICE

If you participated in Serve the City yesterday, what was your favorite part?

What is the best date experience you have ever been a part of?

What did you learn about the offenses you have been holding and how to apply mercy to those situations last week?

MAIN CONTENT

This week Pastor Kevin talked about freedom in our Movement Series.

1. When have you felt the most freedom in your life?

Pastor Kevin talked about Galatians 5 and how God wants to free us from legalism in our lives. Jesus is salvation. We don't need anything but Him to have salvation through Him.

Read Galatians 5:1

2. What are some things that have kept you from experiencing freedom in your walk with Jesus?

God wants us to find our freedom in our walk with Christ. He is our freedom. Freedom to do what He has called us to do.

We can lose our freedom to legalism or licentiousness. Remember: legalism is a set of rules we live by so that God will love us. Legalism is earning our salvation.

3. What kind of rules have you set in your life in order to have salvation through Jesus?

We will never be enough. There will always be another rule we are trying to follow if we are constantly earning our salvation. The good news is that we don't have to earn our salvation. We are saved through believing and trusting in Jesus. Legalism forfeits the freedom Christ purchased at the cross.

The other way we can lose our freedom is through licentiousness, or license to sin. This is the idea that we can do whatever we want because we trusted in Jesus to cleanse me of my sins. Some of that's true,

Jesus has forgiven us, but we never want to use Him as a loophole to do **whatever** we want.

4. Have you let the license to sin be an excuse to behave how you want in life? Share about that.

Read Galatians 5:13

Legalism and licentiousness keep us enslaved. But God wants us to live in freedom. We are set free when we trust in Christ. Freedom from the law and freedom from sin. Christ is our freedom. He frees us from darkness (Colossians 1), death (Romans 8), Sin (Romans 6) and fear (2 Timothy). God never wants us to live in fear, and we can let fear stop us from living in freedom He has for us.

5. Where have you let fear keep you from living out your freedom in Jesus?

When we receive the power and strength of the gospel we no longer live in fear.

Some fear death, some fear rejection and some fear others. When we care more about what others think than what God thinks, we are letting the fear of humans (and others) affect the way we live out our freedom through Christ.

Read Galatians 5:14-26

6. What are some ways you can walk by the Spirit in your life?

7. Which fruit of the Spirit do you need to practice?

We can't practice these things on our own. We can't do it in our own will. We need the Holy Spirit to help us.

God gives us the Spirit to help us be like Him. Jesus needed the Holy Spirit and so do we. We can not do these things in our own strength but only through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We are no longer bound to legalism and sin but we live in freedom when we accept Jesus and ask the Spirit to be more like Him.

CLOSING PRAYER

God thank you for your Son and the Holy Spirit. That through them we can walk in freedom in our relationship with you. Will you please show us where we have let legalism and sin drive us in our walk with you. Will you help us feel the freedom you offer to each one of us and help us walk out that freedom with you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

- + Continue reading along with the Galatians reading plan this week.
- + Partner up with someone in your group to confess and repent where you have allowed legalism and sin in your life. Confess where you need freedom from the Holy Spirit in your lives as well. Commit to praying for one another this week and helping each other walk out freedom in your walk with Christ.
- + Research some scriptures of what God set you free from and meditate on those this week.