

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

# Freedom!

## Galatians 5:1-15

### Getting Started

How would you define “freedom”?

### Digging In

1. **Read Gal 5:1.** Write a paraphrase of this verse.
2. What do you think Paul means by *a yoke of slavery*?
3. **Read Gal 5:2-6.** What was the problem with circumcision in the Galatian context?
4. What are some examples today of *trying to be justified by law*? (v. 4)
5. Is it possible to combine law and grace? Explain. (v. 4)
6. What is an inevitable result of genuine faith? How will it be expressed? (v. 6) What does this mean in practical terms?
7. **Read Gal 5:7-12.** The Galatians had started well. What happened to keep them from *running a good race*?
8. Paul likens the false teaching of the Judaizers to *yeast*. What are some “yeasty” ideas today that can keep us from running a good race – from living as fully devoted followers of Christ – from focusing on knowing Christ and making him known?
9. **Read Gal 5:13-15.** Paul is calling the Galatians (and us) to freedom (v. 1). How does he qualify this freedom in vss. 13-15?
10. The Judaizers placed great emphasis on following the law. How does Paul summarize the law? (v. 14; cp. Matt 22:37-40)
11. Paraphrase Paul’s warning in v. 15.



### Getting Personal

- How do we pursue godliness (1 Tim 4:7-8; 2 Pet 1:5-6) without falling into the trap of legalism?
- Do you feel you’re enjoying freedom in Christ? Explain.
- How are you using your freedom?
- Is there any “yeast” in your life – any false or imbalanced teaching that is keeping you from running the race?