



Don't Stay As You Are - there is a life!

For week of Sept 17

Look Back

- **Group check in...just as a fun thing, ask everyone to share one of their favorite things about the place they work.**
- **After our visit last week, how are you feeling about being a child of God? Did this change the way you thought or how you spent your time or how you interacted with people this past week?**

Look Up

This week, we will read through all of chapter 5. This is a rich and life changing passage of the Bible. Paul begins to shift his writing in the letter from admonishing or correcting their drift and distortion of the truth, to reminding them what life with Jesus is about. There are some different themes that develop like "one another's" and freedom and the Spirit of God. It might not hurt to read it twice from a few different translations.

Read Galatians 5:1-26

- **What do you learn about God?**
- **What do you learn about people and yourself?**
- **What does this teach us about becoming a better disciple of Jesus?**

Look Forward

- **Freedom - not the Braveheart type of freedom or even the USA type of freedom. This is freedom in Christ. What do you think it means to have true freedom in Christ? What does this look like in your life?**
- **When we are baptized into Christ, we are also baptized into a community of Christians. Go through and discuss the communal aspect of this passage and how we are to belong and be a part of one another's lives.**
- **How do you allow the fruit of the Spirit (v. 22-23) to be evident in your life? Which of the listed qualities is the least evident in you?**
- **Life with Jesus is not about "do's" and "don'ts", how can we keep v. 19-23 from becoming this to us?**
- **How do we learn to recognize the fruit of the Spirit in one another? How can we be accountable to one another to continue to allow room for the Spirit to grow in us?**
- **This week, is there anyone you should share the freedom you have in Christ in order to point them toward the same freedom in their own life?**

Before you dismiss for the evening, go over any Great Day of Service plan your group has for next week.

There is NO SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE for next week. If you meet, celebrate together what God has been doing in your group and in one another's lives.