



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Galatians Week 11: Freedom
June 13 & 16, 2024

LEADER NOTES: **Summer trimester:** June 3–July 28; **Fall trimester:** August 19–December 8. **New Leader Trainings:** August 11 at every campus, August 19 via Zoom.

Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less: Season 2, Episode 3: How to set expectations for your group and handle difficult situations. Listen on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

School Supply Drive, June 3–30, Drop off at Hope's Closet locations and E22 Kids lobbies: Support foster care families and disadvantaged children by donating lined notebook paper (wide ruled or college ruled), number 2 pre-sharpened pencils, white copy paper, new or gently used backpacks and lunchboxes for children in pre-k through high school.

Summer Serve Opportunities: Share the hope of the gospel in the Jacksonville area. There are countless opportunities for you and your family to serve alongside our ministry partners in the city or from the comfort of your home. Click coe22.com/localmission to learn more and signup to serve.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: Why are you turning to your old ways of works-based religion when Jesus has set you free?

Sermon Text: *Genesis 17:10; Matthew 11:28-30; Mark 2:23-28; John 8:36; Acts 15:1; Galatians 5:1-15*

Discussion Questions

There is no pressure to get through all the questions; prayerfully plan your choices for your group.

- **Read *Galatians 5:1-15*. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?**

FALSE DOCTRINE

- **What is the problem with the doctrine of Jesus + something, instead of Jesus + nothing?** (1. It minimizes the blood sacrifice of Jesus and it leads us to missing the point of the cross. Jesus's last words on the cross were, "Tetelestai - It is finished!" The law is fulfilled. Your sins are forgiven! 2. It elevates man's role in salvation and leads us to works based righteousness. That results in pride or condemnation.)

FREEDOM

- **Discover:** Read *John 8:36*. Discuss the differences between Biblical freedom and the world's definition of freedom. (The world's definition is: Do whatever you want. Never do something someone is forcing you to do. Biblical freedom is only through Jesus, it's longer lasting, more transcendent of circumstance, and you experience it on the inside. It sets you free from the Old Testament law. It's "next level" freedom. As Jesus followers, this is one of the reasons we're called to teach only the gospel, pointing to Jesus and nothing else.)
Deepen: What in your life do you need to surrender, or yoke, to Jesus for "next level" freedom and rest?

BLESSING OF THE LAW BECOMES A BURDEN/SLAVERY

- **Read *Mark 2:23-28*. The Pharisees took the blessing of the Sabbath God gave us in His law (Exodus 20:8-10) and made it a burden. Share a time you've taken a blessing from God and turned it into a burden or a form of slavery. How did Jesus set you free from that?** (Remember Pastor Matt's story about the elevator buttons on the Sabbath in Israel.)
- **Discover:** Pastor Matt told a story of how the twisting of the idea of True Love Waits led him to turning the law into a burden. He sinned and felt shame. That led to fear, running from God and self-loathing. Share how Jesus drew you back to Him when you felt like that? How do you encourage others who are feeling condemned?
- **Deepen:** What does God's response when we feel condemned tell us about His character. (God is all knowing yet, if you're in Christ, He chooses to see the righteousness of His son when he looks at you – NOT your sin. God is loving, merciful, full of grace and just.)

FOLLOWING JESUS

- **Read Matthew 11:28-30. Jesus described what following Him and experiencing him looks like. Share what that looks like in your walk with Jesus.**

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus
(LEADERS: Please copy and paste the action step into your group chat each week.)

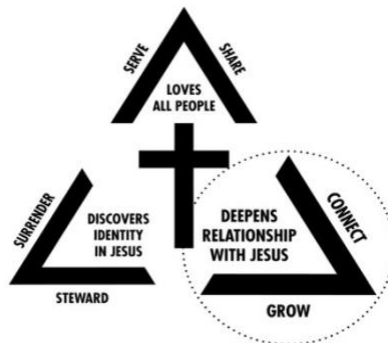
1) Read Mathew 11:28-30 and meditate on it each day this week. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you to rely on Jesus instead of yourself. Come to Jesus and let him give you rest.

2) If you have never accepted Jesus's invitation to "Come to Him," please talk to your group leader, accountability partner, Christian friend or church staff member on how you can do that and walk in freedom.

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