

MOOREBANK-HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION
GALATIANS 5:1-15 – Freed to love

Q: Do you feel like you have much freedom as a Christian? Why/why not?

Read verses 1-6

1. Gospel + Legalism = “cut off from Christ”. Why?
2. In verse 6 why does Paul mention uncircumcision too? How might a Galatian Christian boast about not being circumcised?
3. According to Paul in verse 6, what is the mark of a Christian? In what ways is ***your*** faith currently expressing itself through love? Would others be able to notice (John 13:35)?

Read verses 7-12

4. See verses 4, 10 and 12. Do we care as much as Paul about false teachers? How do 2:13 and 5:9 show us what is at stake?
5. What is offensive about the cross as opposed to circumcision?

Read verses 13-15

6. Read also verses 19-21, 26. In your life, where are ***you*** tempted to abuse Christian freedom?
7. How are both legalism AND indulging your flesh caused by underestimating how sinful sin is? – see also 5:4, 11, 21 and 6:8.
8. Why is the alternative to abusing freedom not personal holiness but love for others?
9. How do verses 1 and 13 show that Christian behaviour is not automatic but requires focus and discipline?
10. Is my Christian life just between me and God? Why/why not?
11. Read verse 15. When might “biting and devouring one another” occur in our Christian community?