



July 18th Discussion Guide

Freedom from Foolishness - Galatians 3:1-14

This is a 5 week study in the Book of Galatians. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

Have you ever been fooled into believing something that was not true? Share your experience with the group.



Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Galatians 1:3-4, Ephesians 2:8-9. From these verses, remind yourselves about Paul's message to the churches. What was he telling them?
2. Read Galatians 3: 1-14.
 - a. The Greek word for foolish is "Anoetos" meaning "not thinking". How were the Galatians foolish and "not thinking"? How did they believe something that was not true?
 - b. Using our past studies of Acts and Galatians and your personal knowledge of the historical church, can you think of times where Christians were led astray to false teachings? Why were they susceptible to misinformation?
 - c. What is a false teaching that you have incorrectly believed? Where are you most susceptible to misinformation?
3. Paul gave three ways we can be free from misunderstanding that we are only saved by grace through faith.
 - a. vs. 4-5a: How had God shown the Galatians His grace through experience? How has God shown you this same grace?
 - b. vs. 8: How had God shown the Galatians His grace through scripture? (see Gen. 15:6, Deut. 27:26, 21:23, Eze. 36:25-26) Share your own scripture verses that remind you of God's grace.
 - c. Vs. 12, 21-22, Prov 28:26: How had God shown the Galatians His grace through logic? What do you know about God's law vs. God's grace? How does this give you freedom?

Application question:

- What is an area of your life where you are working for God's grace instead of receiving it as a free gift?
- What actionable steps can you take this week to think better and believe better about God's gift of grace to you?

Closing Prayer

LORD, thank You for Your Word that helps us be free from foolishness! Reveal to us how we can believe and tell others about your G.R.A.C.E. (God's Riches at Christ's Expense) and not rely on our own works for salvation.

