



## July 4th Discussion Guide

### **Free From Uncertainty - Galatians 1:1-12**

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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)

Share your personal 4th of July traditions and celebrations with your group. (i.e. foods you eat, places you watch fireworks, memorable moments over the years)



## Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Galatians 1:1-12.
  - a. What was Paul warning the people of Galatia about?
  - b. What is the true gospel message (vs. 4)?
2. What revised gospel message were the Galatians turning to (see Acts 15:1, 5)?
3. Discuss the gospel revisions of today:
  - a. *We are saved by our surrender to Christ, plus right beliefs and behavior.*
    - i. Read Ephesians 2:4-9: Why is the above a revision of the true gospel? How are we truly saved? What role do we play in our salvation?
    - ii. 1 John 5:11-13, John 3:16: How can you be certain you are saved?
  - b. *It doesn't really matter what you believe, as long as you are a good person.*
    - i. Read John 14:5-6: How is the above a false gospel?
    - ii. Do you know people who believe this "gospel"? How can you share the benefits you have experienced of putting your faith in a real Savior and not in saving ourselves?
  - c. *Gospel of Legalism: the attempt to earn or maintain God's favor through self-righteous efforts or law-keeping.*
    - i. Name some man-made laws Christians have added to the true gospel. Have you done any of these through family tradition or self-imposed sacrifice?
    - ii. Read Romans 8:1-4. How do these verses explain our freedom in Christ?
4. What are the causes and pitfalls of these revised gospels?
5. Read John 8:31-36. How does the true gospel bring freedom?

**Application question:** What revised gospel have you been enslaved to? What will you do this week to be set free? Who will you share this with?

## Closing Prayer

LORD, help us experience the victorious Christian life by breaking free from any gospel that is not the true Gospel! Show us where we are in bondage and set us free!

