

Freedom Week 4 – Resistance to the Gospel

Small Groups - Bethany Church Long Beach

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Intro:

- On a scale of 1-10, how well do you do at obeying what you believe the Bible teaches as guidelines for life?
- What part of this week's message was the most challenging or interesting?

Group Questions:

Read Galatians 3:1-14

1. Resisting or pushing back from experience, heroes in the scriptures or the law itself were the main points of Galatians 3. Which is the way you most often push back or resist the gospel and why?
2. How do verses 3:1-5 give us insight on how we are to grow as Christians?
3. What are some ways we look to the law to produce obedience in ways that only the gospel can bring about?

Read Genesis 15:1-21

4. Summarize the journey you see Abram on and how he trusts God. What is he asked to do in verses 9-11? Are there things you feel God is asking you to do in your life and will you risk sharing them?

Read James 2:14-26

5. How do you wrestle with Paul's words about justification through faith and James' words about faith and works?
 6. What causes anxiety, depression, stress or envy in your life? How will remembering you are redeemed and blessed by God through Jesus help direct your response to these times?
 7. Why do people need to know God is a God who has laws before they can ever understand Jesus' death is good news?
 8. What would you say to a professing Christian who wrestles with law observance and not relying on Christ?
 9. How has this passage motivated you to:
 - Love Jesus
 - Obey The Law
 - Tell Others The Good News
- **Pray - thanking God for all he has taken from you and given you through Jesus.**