



## **Summer School: Week 4 — “Freedom in Christ”**

**CONNECT:** Share a story of something funny you saw or did when you were in school (e.g., milk coming out of your nose at lunch, a dare gone wrong, etc.), OR can anyone sing the fruit of the Spirit song that Lydia sang on Sunday?

### **GROW:**

1. Do you ever feel like you need to earn God’s love and approval? Even if you know in your head that you are set free, how do you receive and live in that freedom?
2. Read **Galatians 5:1-15**.
  - a. *Legalism* and *lawlessness* are both sins and threats to freedom. How have you seen these play out in your life and in church settings?
  - b. Lydia said that we were set free and should stay free. Is there anything that pulls you back into bondage? It could be along the lines of legalism or lawlessness.
3. We were given freedom from sin through Jesus, and now we have freedom to serve others.
  - a. How are you using the freedom you have been given to love your neighbor well?
  - b. If that’s an area you need to grow in, how do you plan to use your freedom to love your neighbor?
4. Read **Galatians 5:16-26**. If you are in a group, read through the fruit of the Spirit one more time. Then spend some time in your group pointing out how you see the Holy Spirit working in each others’ lives, and identify the fruit of the Spirit you see in each other (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control).

**PRAY:** Spend time praying over each other, keeping in mind the fruit of the Spirit and asking Him to continue changing your hearts. Pray for each other to walk in the freedom you have been given and to love others well out of that gift.

**NEXT:** Write out the fruit of the Spirit and post it in a visible place (dashboard, bathroom mirror, TV, etc.) as a reminder of what it looks like to be a good reflection of Jesus.