



fellowship church

Sermon Discussion Guide

July 5, 2026 - Pastor Scott Allen

Freed and Formed - Galatians 4:1-20

Discussion Starter

- What stood out to you in the sermon this week?
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Reflection Questions

- One of Scott's sermon points is, "Christ is formed in us as we are led by the Spirit." How can we discern if a conviction or prompting is from the Spirit's voice?
 - When you are convicted of sin, what do you do (try harder, rationalize, cry out for grace, etc.)?
 - Tell about a time recently where you were convicted and repented of sin: what did that look like?
 - In what ways are you being shaped more by the world than by the Word? How are those ways affecting your attitude, how you relate to God and others, or other areas of your life?
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Application Questions

- Vision Question: *We are a family of disciples on mission.* As we prepare to move to a two-service model so that more people can attend, how can we regularly encourage one another to take steps of faith to pray for and invite new people in?
- (Personal implications) Christians work *from* approval, not *for* approval—we have all the approval we could need in Christ. How does knowing this truth free you to walk in God's purpose for your life and take bold steps of faith for his kingdom?
- (Communal implications) What is one step your home group can take to be further shaped by truth? (such as singing together, holding accountable in a spiritual discipline, etc.)
- (Missional implications) Praise God that he has set you free in Jesus! Think of someone in your sphere of influence who doesn't know Jesus and is enslaved in sin. What is one step you can take this week to share the hope of Jesus with that person?

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Tips for Group Leaders

- DO ask open-ended questions. DON'T ask questions where a short "right" answer ends the discussion.
- DO encourage mutual participation by every group member. DON'T feel the need to respond or weigh in after every contribution. Avoid monologuing. As the leader, your goal is to facilitate mutual discussion between all group members (Eph 4:15–16).
- DO ask follow-up questions: "What do you mean by that?" "Tell me more!" "Has anyone else experienced something similar (or different)?"
- DO feel free to pick and choose questions that are a good fit for your group. DON'T feel the need to get through every question, and don't worry if you spend most of your time on a few questions that generate a lot of good discussion.
- DO keep the main thing the main thing. Steer your conversation toward the main theme of the sermon and the biblical text. DON'T get sidetracked on less important matters, theological debates, etc. A rabbit trail might sometimes be worth pursuing—if group members are wrestling deeply with the implications of biblical truth for their lives. Otherwise, steer conversation back to the main topic.
- DO get into the text. It could be helpful to read over the passage together or ask questions directly related to the text. Help group members engage the text for themselves and respond to what they see there.
- DO revisit important moments from the sermon—a memorable story, an impactful quote, a convicting point of application. "Remember when pastor X talked about Y? What impression did that make on you?"
- DO allow space for reflection, silence, and thoughtful answers. DON'T feel that you need to jump in or ask a new question just because the group has been quiet for a few seconds. A good rule of thumb is to wait until the silence gets awkward, then count silently to ten before jumping in.
- DO bring discussions home to practical, concrete everyday life. DON'T let discussion and application stay in the abstract realm. Steer discussion toward *what does responding to this sermon look like for me?* If comments are vague or general, ask "what would that look like, practically?"