



GALATIANS

DEEPLY ROOTED FREEDOM

GALATIANS 6:11-18

GETTING STARTED...

What is your greatest accomplishment? Have you won any trophies or awards for things you have done? It can be easy for us to boast about our own accomplishments, but the Christian life is a recognition that Christ has already made the biggest accomplishment in our lives. As Paul concludes this letter he gives a brief overview of what he has dealt with by his own hand, and reminds us that Christ has made the greatest difference in our lives. Our greatest thing to boast about is Jesus. He has made us a new creation and we also are called to bear the marks of a follower of Christ.

READ THE TEXT: GALATIANS 6:11-18

¹¹ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. What does it mean to be crucified to the world? What has changed between the believer's relationship with the world before and after coming to Christ?
2. What does it mean that we are "new creation" in verse 15? What is new? What is still waiting to be made new?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been impressing on your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. What does it look like to only boast in Christ? How can we boast to others in a way that they will see the goodness of Jesus?
6. What difference has being a "new creation" in Jesus made in your life? What area can you look at?
7. How has your life born the marks of being a believer? Are there things you have shied away from? Are there times when being a believer has cost you something?
8. How does the grace (vs 18), peace, and mercy (vs 16) of God help us in our trials?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word, Reflecting on the Sermon, and Applying the Point.* We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*“Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.” - Psalm 111:2*