



MESSAGE SERIES GUIDE

Timberlake Church

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Rethinking Religion
“Life Giving Faith”
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FOR LEADER:

In preparation for group discussion, take a few minutes to read through the scriptures and discussion questions

MESSAGE RECAP:

The church in Galatia struggled to accept the freedom from the law that comes when we follow Jesus. Religion can seem like rule following, but Jesus offers us something different. He offers us grace.

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SCRIPTURE TO READ:

Galatians 3:26-28, Acts 13:38-39 (NIV)

ADDITIONAL:

Galatians 1:6-10, Ephesians 2:8, John 14:15, Romans 8:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is a rule?
2. What are some of the rules you keep for your own life?
3. Read Acts 13:38-39. What is Paul trying to say about the law?
4. In Galatians, Paul is speaking to the church in Galatia and sharing with them that they are set free from the law. What makes it difficult in our culture today to accept freedom from the law that comes from Jesus?
5. The most difficult part of the law is that it seems like another gravitational pull towards religion. What makes Christianity different in your opinion in comparison to religion?
6. Read Galatians 1:6-10. What can you do to not forget that there is no Gospel without grace?
7. Pastor Ben said, “Grace will change what you want to.” It is very difficult to follow the rules, even when we want to. How does this idea change what you think about grace?
8. How can you begin to humbly respond to God’s grace this week in your own life?
9. Jesus says if we love him, we will obey his commands. Grace does not give us an excuse to walk away or ignore how Jesus has called us to live. What does love have to do with following Jesus’ commands?
10. Read Romans 8:1-2. How can you practically be set free from condemnation in your own life?
11. Helping other people realize they are free is part of our calling as followers of Jesus. What can you do this week to fulfill that calling?
12. Paul saw that the church in Galatia was good at following the rules, but they needed to see that they were free. Take time to respond through prayer today to experience the freedom Jesus gives us all.