

Sunday, April 28, 2019 - "Free - Week 2 - Free To Be Your True You " - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Galatians 2:20-3:9, 26, Galatians 5:1, 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Galatians: A Letter about understanding the gospel and freedom
- Calling the reader to the true meaning of the gospel
- Galatians 5:1
 - Stand firm in the gospel
 - We tend to add to or take away from what the gospel actually is
- Last week: Galatians 4:5 → God has given us freedom, adopted us as sons and daughters, and given us the Holy Spirit
- Galatians is all about **IDENTITY** (If you don't know who you are you will be subject to bondage)
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 : New creation/identity
 - We learn/believe/understand what it means to be a new creation
- Galatians 2:20-3:9 & 26
 - "I have been crucified with Christ"
 - When you say yes to Jesus your entire being is transformed
 - We are made new and given a new identity
 - Our old ways, old self, being the master of our lives...our "I" is crucified
 - But if we are made new and our "I" has been crucified why do we continue to wrestle with our old self/ways/sin?
- Our True Identity vs. Historical Identity
 - "who we experience ourselves to be - the I each of us carries within." - David Benner
 - Sometimes this "I" is made up of who we really are and sometimes made up of our story and experiences (good, bad, and ugly)
 - There is a battle between who we really are (true identity in Christ) and who our past and story says that we are
- We are new creations, but have to learn to live into it
 - The way we relate to others (in our story/history) is connected to how we relate to God
 - When we live out our God given identity (loved, cared for, delighted in, sons and daughters) our lives are marked by joy and freedom
- For the Galatians their Historical Identity was the LAW (mosaic law) and the rules that came with it
 - But Paul said you are sons of God through FAITH
 - Their identity was no longer based on their works
- How do we live out our TRUE IDENTITY
 - Believe that what God says about us is true (in the Bible): you are fearfully and wonderfully made, you are a work of art, a child of the Most High God, created with and for a purpose, known and pursued by your abba father who wants to know and hang out with you, empowered, comforted, adored, delightful
 - Pay attention to our self talk: when our historical identity tells us we are something...speak out loud who we actually are in Christ (see above)

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does it mean to you that you are a New Creation?
2. In your own words what is your true identity in Christ?
3. If you're comfortable sharing, what are some of the parts of your historical identity that you wrestle with?
4. How is God calling you to believe is true about you?
5. Share an experience when speaking what was true out loud helped you live into your true identity in Christ.
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 2 Peter 1 Tues: 2 Peter 2 Wed: 2 Peter 3 Thurs: Haggai 1 Fri: Haggai 2

Songs from the weekend:[Mountaintops - *The Belonging Co.*] - [Raise A Hallelujah - *Bethel Music*] - [Reckless Love - Cory Asbury] - [Showing Me Mercy - *Norlette Shumake*]