

## Small Group Questions – Week of 1/18/26

### Opening

1. When have you felt the most free in your life? What contributed to that sense of freedom?
2. In **Galatians 5:1**, Paul warns believers not to take on a *yoke of slavery*.
  - Do you ever find yourself “slaving” for something (approval, success, control, comfort, religion, etc.)?

### The Gospel & Our Story

3. When was the first time you remember hearing the Gospel clearly explained?
  - Or the first time you felt led to respond to it?
4. Have you ever shared the Gospel with someone?
  - If so, how do you usually share it?
  - Do you have a favorite verse or illustration that helps you explain the Gospel?

*(Suggestion: Break into smaller groups and share how you would typically explain the Gospel. What verses or stories do you tend to use?)*

### Old Testament Connection Read Exodus 32:1–6

5. What were the Israelites deserting in this story, and what were the Galatians deserting in Paul’s letter?
6. Why did the Israelites decide to create an idol?
  - What does this reveal about their spiritual condition at the time?
7. Was the idol they created actually a “new god”? Why or why not?
  - What did the idol really represent to them?
8. Thinking back to Galatians, were the “new gospels” being taught actually gospels at all? Why or why not?
9. What causes people to add to or subtract from the true Gospel?

### Galatians & Today Read Galatians 1:1–10

10. In what ways does Paul clearly define or defend the true Gospel in this passage?
11. What astonished Paul about the Galatians?
  - What was causing them to become confused?
12. What are some concerns the modern church should be aware of when it comes to adding to or subtracting from the Gospel?
13. What are some things you hear people today adding to the Gospel—either intentionally or unintentionally?
14. How does holding tightly to the true Gospel actually lead us into greater freedom?