

Small Group Questions for the Week of March 8, 2026

Opening Question

Share a story of a time when you were excited to gain more freedom or independence but instead discovered that this new “freedom” came with greater or heavier burdens to carry.

How might those stories relate to the freedom we have from the law in Christ?

Read Galatians 5:13–26

What tension is Paul describing that occurs within believers? Why is this tension significant, and what does it symbolize about the Christian life?

What dangers does Paul describe in the desires of the flesh? Since we are free in Christ, are we free to participate in these desires of the flesh? Why or why not?

What are the **fruit of the Spirit**? What is this fruit evidence of?

How quickly should we expect fruit to appear in a believer’s life? What does the growth of fruit typically look like? Will that growth always be obvious?

Do you think “**the struggle**” against sin is better evidence of God’s work in someone’s life, or is the **fruit of the Spirit** better evidence? Why?

If a person is neither struggling against sin nor bearing new fruit, do you think that shows evidence of being alive in Christ? Why or why not?

Read Exodus 13:17–22

Why did God lead the Israelites on a detour instead of the most direct route? What might this teach us about the situations God leads us through?

List all the ways we see God’s faithfulness in these five verses.

What is the significance of the **pillar of cloud and fire** representing God’s presence? How does this help us understand what it means to “**keep in step with the Spirit**” in Galatians 5:25?

Takeaway

What practical step could you take this week to live more intentionally **in step with the Holy Spirit**?