

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

Galatians 4:21-5:1

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. STOP LISTENING TO THE WRONG VOICES
2. LISTEN WELL TO THE RIGHT VOICES
3. REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. The book of Galatians has a strong focus on the different forms idolatry can take. Pastor Anthony talked about the way that political power has emerged as a major corporate idol for the American church. Where have you seen this play out in the church? What does it look like for Christians to navigate this world of political division? What principles from scripture can teach us how to handle politics wisely as a Christian?
3. The church in Galatia had false teachers trying to lead them back into idolatry by playing on their fears. Do any of the "voices" you regularly listen to fill you with anger, fear or a sense of paranoia? What is keeping you from cutting these voices out of your life? What criteria do you use when choosing who gets to shape your thinking?
4. The algorithms used by large tech companies are designed to direct our attention to information and stories that feed into our biases and play off our negative emotions. How do you see this playing out in your own life? How do you converse with others who seem immovably entrenched in their beliefs?
5. Scripture is the ultimate source we should look to for guidance through life. Three ways we can listen to scripture well is by **1)** Interpreting every detail in light of the big story of the Bible **2)** Reading all scripture in light of Jesus Christ **3)** Letting Scripture act as a mirror and show you who you are. What do each of these look like in practice? (**Idea:** You could choose a passage and read it together in this way)
6. Pastor Anthony talked about how Steve Jobs believed himself to be someone special and proceeded to change the world. What are some beliefs you hold about yourself that are in opposition to your identity in Christ? How do these wrong ideas prevent you from being used by God to accomplish great things in the world for His Kingdom? What might the church do if we fully grasped the implications of our identity in Christ?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: We are citizens of a different kingdom. We are free. We have a King who has already won and can never be defeated. We are children of this King.