



STUDY NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Dream or Nightmare?

- 1 When you think of the American dream and what it is and means, how do you describe it? What about it is appealing?
- 2 The American constitution guarantees the right to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. How could this coupled with the individualism that dominates the west be a recipe for disaster?
- 3 Read Galatians 5:1,6. How can the Law (or trying to earn justification by good works) be a yoke of slavery?
- 4 How does Christs work set us free from that yoke of slavery? In what ways are you tempted to do works to gain favor with God?
- 5 Read Galatians 5:13. In what ways might freedom be a catalyst to use that freedom to engage the sinful nature or our fallen desires? How does Paul contrast what we shouldn't do with what we should do? What might that say about the nature of our flesh or fallen desires?
- 6 Read Galatians 5:14-15. How are love and selfishness portrayed in this passage? Have you ever thought of disunity and destroying each other having the root of selfishness?
- 7 Paul describes freedom as being justified in Christ through faith and living in connection and service to others. How is serving others freedom for self?
- 8 What areas of life are you tempted to disregard others to get or accomplish? What are you currently sacrificing relationship or connection to attain (or where is the temptation strongest)?
- 9 Who or where are you currently serving others for their good and not your own?
- 10 Pray Together!!

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13You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

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