

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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DOUBLE YELLOW LINE

Winding Road Ahead
Galatians 5:13-15
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NOTES

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Share your story ... *Describe a time when someone restrained themselves in order to show their love and respect for you.* (7-10 min)
3. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)
4. Read Galatians 5:13-15

"Biblically speaking, we are called to keep three things in balance: Freedom, Love, and Responsibility." Pastor Matt

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (Galatians 5:13)

What can practicing freedom without concern for our relationships look like?

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (vs. 14)

How does the goal to build up one another help us to decide how to use our freedom in Christ?

But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. (vs. 15)

How do clearly-defined responsibilities (boundaries) guide the ways we use our freedom in the context of our relationships?

PLAN OF ACTION

Remember the four boundary busters? How do each of these seem to deemphasize either *freedom, love, or responsibility*?

1. Compliant (can't say "no"); 2. Avoidant (can't say "yes"); 3. Controlling (can't hear "no"); 4. Non-Responsive (can't hear "yes").

Which of these three are the weakest in your life: *Freedom, Love, or Responsibility*? What's something practical you can do this week to strengthen that link in the chain?



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