

FALL 2026 KICKOFF – This Year's Theme

A young girl was watching her mother bake a ham for the Thanksgiving gathering and noticed her mom cutting off the ends before placing it in the oven. “Mom, why do you cut the ends off before baking the ham? Isn’t that a waste?” she asked. “I think it helps soak up the juices while it’s baking” Mom replied. “I’m not sure, though. That’s just the way your grandma always did it, so I’ve just always cut them off. Why don’t you call grandma and ask her?” The little girl called her grandma and asked “Grandma, mom is making a ham and cut off the ends before placing it in the oven. She said that it’s probably to help soak up the juices but wasn’t sure. She said you’d know because she learned how to cook from you.” The grandmother chuckled. “Oh, no sweetie. I just never had a pan big enough to hold a whole ham, so I always had to cut off the ends to make it fit.”



WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Why do we call this a forum?

What kind of man is the forum for?

How did you get to the forum?

Who in your circle would benefit from this forum?



THIS YEAR'S THEME: THE SOUND OF FREEDOM



A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF GALATIANS.

As we study Galatians this year, we’ll see Paul return again and again to the one true gospel: salvation is a free gift of grace, received through faith in Christ. And when we embrace this gift of grace it leads us into a whole new life of freedom. Simply put, Galatians is about living free in Christ!

THEME VERSE: GALATIANS 5:1

*For **freedom**, Christ set us **free**. Stand firm, then, and don’t submit again to a yoke of **slavery**.*

Turn to the gospel...

What to Expect:

Galatians is dense with these concepts.

_____ (1:6, 7, 8, 9, 11; 2:2, 5, 7)

_____ (2:16, 20; 3:2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26)

_____ (3:2, 3, 5; 5:16, 17, 18, 22, 25; 6:8)

_____ (2:4; 5:1,13)

What freedoms have I experienced as I’ve embraced the truth of the gospel? (i.e. how has the gospel freed me up?)

TAG TEAMS: Pray: “God, I don’t want to miss anything You have for me this fall. Help me know You are close, teach me to rest in Your mercy and grace, and empower me to walk more fully in the freedom Christ has given me.”