



Sermon Discussion Questions

Galatians 5:13-26 // Practices of (Dis)Unity

- Pastor Joey started his sermon with a story about a washing machine threatening to tear itself apart from the inside because of an off-balance load. Have you ever seen a machine do that? What about a family, a relationship, or a church?
- What sort of “warning signs” might you see in a church before it self-destructs? What types of warning signs do you see in the churches in Galatia? Take a look at 5:15 and 5:26 for help.
- Have you ever witnessed church conflicts that could be described well by these two verses? What did those conflicts look like? How were they resolved?
- Pastor Joey said that Galatians “is a letter, not an article.” How does that affect the way you read this week’s passage?
- Why does Paul include such an extensive list of vices in verses 19-21?
- How do the middle eight vices show up in your relationships? In your family and in your friendships? In your church?
- Galatians 5:13 says that the primary remedy for a self-destructive church is for each member—and the church as a whole—to use their freedom to serve one another in love. What would that have looked like in Galatia? What does it look like in your church?
- Pastor Joey said that we are called to “embrace the paradox of free service.” What did he mean by that? How is “free service” a paradox?

- If it's true that freedom in Christ isn't the goal, but the means to a greater goal, then what's the greater goal we are supposed to pursue with our freedom?
- What role do we have to play in restraining the works of the flesh and in cultivating the fruit of the Spirit? Do those things come automatically once we become Christians?
- What will you use your freedom for?

