

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for June 30, 2019:
Nourished by God's Word



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS
Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- Around July 4th our country joins together and celebrates the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans. God institutes good government to keep peace among neighbors, care for those in need, and provide environments where faith in Jesus can grow. How does your family celebrate the holiday?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

13 You, 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. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Paul articulates that believers have been set free by Christ so that they would be free. What does it mean to "stand firm in freedom"? What sort of things burden believers back into a type of spiritual slavery?
- Read verses 13-14. We are set free by Jesus from sin, but also to love our neighbor. Why is it so important to be free first and then love our neighbor?
- What you consume becomes the energy that you have to use for life. With regard to our spiritual body, if we want to have the fruit of the Spirit come out, then what does our spiritual diet need to look like?

- **SERVE** *others*

In light of Jesus' command to love your neighbor as yourself, reflect on what type of neighbor you would like to have. Generous? Concerned? Respectful? Protective? Look for a way to be the type of neighbor you would like to have this week. And if you're "caught in the act" make sure to give glory to God, the one who sends his Son to be our true neighbor.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**