



THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS:
Embracing Freedom

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2021

Sermon-based Guide
Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Week of January 24
Galatians Chapter 4

Primary Scripture: Galatians 4:8-12, 17-20

Sermon: *Freedom From Missing the Point*

In this passage Paul is a “frustrated mentor.” He’s saying, “You know what it means to follow Jesus. You know what it looks like to have that fully integrated into your life, but you keep letting it go to fall back into old patterns.”

Compliance Theater: They aren't *really* doing what they are called to do for the great good (or the kingdom of God) but mostly just kind of “showing” it when they feel they have to, or should.

Questions

1. Who was a mentor (or two) that helped shape your faith and point you toward the freedom that life in Christ offers?
2. Share a time, or a season, where you might have been on the receiving end of some frustration from your mentor. (or *should* have been!)
3. What areas of your faith are suffering from a bit of “compliance theater”?
4. What would your life look like if the “theater” piece went away and what you believe was fully integrated in who you are?

Additional Scripture: Read all of chapter 4 to set our sermon text in context. And, read Genesis 16:1-16; 21:1-13 for the back story on Galatians 4:21-31.