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Freedom in Community Galatians 4:11-20

Meaningful theology is never formed in a vacuum; rather, it is processed by us in community and finds its meaning and relevance in our lives _____ in that _____.

Discussion 1. How would you describe the “community” in which you first formed your gospel understanding? Why do you suppose community is such an important aspect of how we learn our theology?

Speaking the truth in love is what Christ followers are called to do, but that calling often comes at a price. The lost world seems to be increasingly intolerant of the truth if it is _____.

Discussion 2. Have you ever been rejected for speaking the truth in love? If so, what did you learn about yourself from it? What did you learn about God? What did you learn about relationships?

In Christian community, leaders either make me more dependent on them or more dependent on the Spirit of God living in me. I cannot experience _____ in _____ if I am living in codependent relationships with my leaders.

Discussion 3. How can you discern whether a Christian leader is making you more dependent on him/her or more dependent on the Spirit of God within you? Are there any red flags that help you with that?

Freedom in Christ has an incarnational component to it; it is a freedom best experienced in the physical _____ of other Christ followers. Being with each other matters.

Discussion 4. While living under a set of rules does not require community, living under the direction of the Holy Spirit does require community. Why do you suppose this is true? For you, why is community with other Christians important for you to discern how the Spirit is leading you?