## **SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS**

Watch the video summary of the **March 30, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "Freedom at the Cross." Please read the sermon passage (Galatians 6:11-18) together out loud.

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## Sermon Outline:

BY KEEPING CHRIST'S CROSS CENTRAL, BELIEVERS ARE MARKED BY . . .

- 1. Persecution for Christ (12)
- 2. Boasting in Christ (13, 14)
- 3. Newness through Christ (15)
- 4. Obedience to Christ (16)
- 5. Identification with Christ (17, 18)

## **Small Group Discussion Questions**

- 1. Based on #1 above: When we are in Christ, we are free from living for this life, and this physical world, and that means we can endure the loss of our property, job and life for Christ. **How have you experienced persecution for Christ in your life?**
- 2. Based on #2 above: When we are in Christ, we don't talk about ourselves much. We boast about what God has done in Christ and all Christ has done for us. In what ways are you improving at giving glory to Jesus Christ in your casual conversations at work, in the neighborhood and with all your friends?
- 3. Based on #3 above: Your old life outside of Christ is something to let go of--not hold on to. Elsewhere Paul says he "forgets what is behind . . ." (Philippians 3:2-11, 13). In what ways does your life in Christ help you to "stand up" and "stand alone"? How can you effectively "forget what is behind" (the old)?
- 4. Based on #4 above: We have talked a lot about how our works do not gain God's approval. However, if we are in Christ, we will love him and obey him. **Do your actions and growing obedience to God reveal a love for God? How?**
- 5. Based on #5 above: When you are in Christ, you belong to him in every way. This empowers you to "bear the marks" of persecution. **Do your scars draw attention to Jesus?** Or do you tend to simply try to draw attention to your scars?