

Be Free Series June 28, 2026

“The Family Tree” Scott Burgess

Read together Galatians 3:26–4:11; 4:17–20

Ice Breakers:

- a. Have you ever done your “family tree” and/or genealogy? Find out anything interesting, surprising?
- b. What is a freedom you would never want to give up? Why?

1. What are some reasons people struggle to fully embrace their identity as God's sons and daughters?
2. What are some ways Christians today can unknowingly live like slaves even though they have been given freedom in Christ?
3. Can you think of a time you experienced God's grace? How did it make you feel? Why do people sometimes return to old habits, beliefs, or ways of thinking after experiencing God's grace?
4. What are some modern examples of people trying to earn what God has already freely given? What's the difference between listening/obeying God and working to “earn” salvation.
5. Why might some people find rules and performance-based religion more comfortable than living by faith?
6. What warning signs might indicate that someone is drifting away from the freedom of the gospel? How might they be acting/feeling?
7. How can unhealthy influences lead Christians away from the freedom found in Christ? Can you think of examples of those kinds of influences?
8. What habits can help us solidify/deepen our relationship with Jesus and how does that help protect our freedom?
9. How can our own fear, guilt, shame, or the desire for approval tempt us to exchange freedom in Christ for something less? Can choose to share aloud or contemplate quietly

Wrap-Up

What is one area of your life where God may be inviting you to stop striving and start trusting Him more fully this week?