

## Running in the Right Direction

### Galatians 5:7-14 / Sunday, August 26th

1.) V:7 Who “hindered” you? - In the races, each runner was to stay in his assigned lane, but some runners would cut in on their competitors to try to get them off course. This is what the Judaizers had done to the Galatian believers: They cut in on them and forced them to change direction and go on a “spiritual detour.” It was not God who did this, because He had called them to run faithfully in the lane marked “\_\_\_\_\_.” (Wiersbe)

2.) V:11 Preaching the Cross is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Preaching the cross implies that you are a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Preaching the cross suggests that your sin is deserving \_\_\_\_\_.
- Preaching the cross proclaims that you can’t save yourself.
- Preaching the cross declares that you \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Preaching the cross is offensive to all the religions of man because it is saying, you \_\_\_\_\_ do it. But Jesus has done it!

3.) V:13 Liberty = Freedom.

Freedom from \_\_\_\_\_.

Freedom from religious \_\_\_\_\_.

Freedom to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

1.) How did you first hear the true Gospel?

2.) What is the greatest challenge to your faith right now?

3.) Read today’s text (Galatians 5:7-14) What is the theme of this text? What is the main point? What do you consider the key verse? Why?

4.) In verse 11 Paul uses the phrase, “the offense of the cross”. What is so offensive about the teaching of Jesus dying on the cross for our sins? Why would people reject this?

5.) As time permits read and explore the meaning of the following verses and discuss how they pertain to this Sunday’s text: Acts 20:24; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6-7; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 22:3-40.

6.) Is there anything in today’s text that troubles or confuses you? Discuss.