

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

### JUNE 10, 2018

*This is a guide to help start a conversation about this week's message. Feel free to pick, choose, re-order and adapt as you see fit. You know your group best and can facilitate their experience by modifying as necessary.*

#### ICE-BREAKERS

1. Try going around the room and sharing one highlight and/or lowlight from the last 7 days.
2. For some insight into the intro of this week's message from one introductory perspective on "Fake News" [check out this video from Wired.com](#). What's been your experience of "Fake News?"
3. Do you tend to be a rule follower or a rule breaker? Share a story that illustrates your tendency.

#### REVIEW

1. You may want to watch this week's message with your group as a refresher. Or, try picking a spot with 10-15 minutes to go to review the main application(s). Messages are found at [southridgechurch.ca/messages](http://southridgechurch.ca/messages).
2. Feel free to try one or two of these... What did you hear in this week's message? What ideas stood out? What did you agree with? Disagree with? What questions came to mind? How did it make you feel?

#### REFLECT

1. Read [Galatians 5:1, 5:6](#) and [5:13-14](#). What do these verses emphasize? In what ways do you feel free in your faith? In what ways do you feel burdened or enslaved? How can freedom help us make wise choices?
2. We don't tend to see circumcision as a "religious requirement," but what are some unrealistic or border-line-ridiculous religious pressures people feel in the church? Make a list of as many you can think of that people feel they have to do when they become a Christian or join the church, but which aren't core to the gospel.
3. Read [Ephesians 2:8-9](#). In your own words, what does it mean to have faith in the good news of Jesus?

#### RESPOND

1. What changes could we make in the church community to set people free from false religious expectations?
2. Reflect on your motivations or lack thereof to do "Christian things" (i.e. attend church, read the Bible, pray, serve a cause, etc.). Which activity could you try approaching differently, purely out of the motivation to love God and others well? Invite everyone to share and commit to one next step.
3. If you're drawn to the new life of love and faith that Jesus has in mind, but have never been baptized, we'd love to explore the baptism journey together. Email [baptism@southridgechurch.ca](mailto:baptism@southridgechurch.ca) to start the process.



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