

(Used in a study of about Galatians 5)

SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT FREEDOM

When (in the last year) have you been most aware or appreciative of your “freedom”--the vast spaciousness, depth, wild ruggedness, wide-openness, opportunity, flexibility... in your relationship with God/relationships with (an)other Christian(s)? (Or you might ask when have you felt *least* inhibited, restricted, uptight, policed, stiff, shut down, compressed?) What did you like about it? Did anything about it make you uncomfortable? How long did it last? What ended it?

What/who are the enemies to your freedom right now? Are they external or internal? Aggressive or subtle? Who would oppose you if you were radical about embracing your freedom? Who would be threatened, insecure? What weapons/methods are these enemies using?

Who is encouraging you to live more freely? How are they doing that? How do you feel around them right now? How do you treat them?

What are some areas/arenas of your life where you know you are not free? Are there any areas of your life where you're not sure if you're free or not?

What things are you proud of/defensive about that are roadblocks to freedom? Are there any ways you may be in process of robbing somebody else's freedom? How are you doing that?

Choose 1-2 areas of your life (a certain relationship or group of relationships, role, job, area of character growth, discipline etc.) Describe it, paint a vivid picture of it for yourself. What radical steps could you take to receive it? What would be costly, painful about being radical?