



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 10-11 PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY | 6-8PM
OCTOBER 21-23

SIGN UP AT VALLEY.CHURCH/GREATPUMPKINPARTY

INVITE | PRAY | DONATE CANDY | VOLUNTEER

WELCOME TO VALLEY

OCTOBER 5 & 6

We are so glad you could celebrate with us today. If you are new to Valley, visit the Welcome Center for refreshments and a 10-Minute Party. We'd love to meet you and give you a gift.

NEXT (Sunday, November 3, from 8:15 am-12:15 pm)

Want to discover how to get involved? Become a member? NEXT is a one-day course to learn about our vision and values and to find your purpose and place! Breakfast and childcare provided. Sign up on the community card or online at valley.church/next.

Campfire Worship (Friday, October 11, from 7-8:30 pm)

Join us for Campfire Worship at the Maplenol Barn. Invite your friends and family to enjoy worship under the stars, hot drinks, and s'mores! Please bring camping chairs or blankets. Park at the Valley Community Center and follow the path back to the barn.

Great Pumpkin Party

Sunday, October 20, 5-7 pm (Families with Special Needs)

Monday-Wednesday, October 21-23, 6-8 pm

The Great Pumpkin Party is coming! Invite your friends and family to the best party of the fall. Everyone is welcome!

Sign up to volunteer on the community card or at valley.church/gppvolunteer. You can also help by donating candy. Drop it off at the atrium display (no Nerds, please).

ReachGlobal Open House for Bryan & Julie Host

Join us Sunday, October 13, at 12:15 pm in the Chapel for an open house luncheon with Bryan & Julie Host! Sign up on the community card or by emailing pastorquintin@valley.church.

MOBILIZING EVERYONE'S GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL TO DEEPLY LOVE CHRIST AND THEIR NEIGHBORS.

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QUESTIONING CHRISTIANITY

WHY CAN'T I LIVE HOWEVER I WANT?

Why does Christianity want to run my life?

WELCOME, SKEPTICS!

The ultimate _____ in our culture is _____.

Christianity is often perceived as the _____ of _____.

Do I have to choose between _____ and _____?

TWO KINDS OF FREEDOM

1. Absolute _____ freedom

- It's practically _____
- It's _____
- It cannot _____
- It's corrosive of _____ and _____
- It's _____

2. _____ freedom

THE BIBLE'S FREEDOM NARRATIVE

God _____ us with _____ (Gen 1-2)

I _____ my own freedom. (Gen 3)

I _____ my own freedom. (Eccl 2)

I _____ my own freedom. (Judges 21:25)

I _____ my freedom. (Matt 12:9-14)

I can _____ freedom. (John 8:31-36; Gal 5:1, 13-14; 1 Cor 10:23-24; 2 Cor 3:17; Psalm 119:45; Ac 13:38-39; Romans 6)



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

SHARE

1. How much freedom did you have growing up? Do you think you had a strict or lenient household?
2. Describe a milestone of independence that was significant to you as a child (i.e. the first time you stayed home by yourself).

STUDY

3. Take on the role of a skeptic. What critiques would you have of the perceived "rules of Christianity"? Trade comments **without defending or answering**.
4. How difficult was it to think like a skeptic? How challenging was it to not defend or jump in with an answer? How can we get better at providing a listening ear to a skeptic's questions instead of being overeager in giving answers?
5. Pastor Quintin highlighted the outcomes of choosing, pursuing, and indulging in your own freedom, as described in scripture. Where have you seen similar effects in your own life or in the culture around you? What are common results of living in the freedom we have through Christ?
6. Read Galatians 5:1,13-14 out loud. What do these verses say about God's character? How does scripture call us to respond to the freedom we have through Jesus Christ?

DIGGING DEEPER

7. Read John 8:31-36. The English Standard Version (ESV) translates v. 31 as "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples." What does it mean to abide? Refer to John 15 for further insights.
8. In v. 33, the Jews who are speaking with Jesus say they've never been enslaved, even though they were under the rule of the Romans during their conversation. Discuss how we too can be lulled into an illusion of freedom.
9. How does the gospel give ultimate freedom?

SUPPORT

10. Review your bold faith moves of spiritual growth and spiritual influence and give time for those who weren't able to share last week. Continue to encourage and pray with each other.

SERVE

If you'd like more information about these opportunities, email serve@valley.church.

- Help with the harvest at Global Greens Farm
- Volunteer at 5th Quarter on Friday nights
- Volunteer together at the Great Pumpkin Party

MON-WED | OCT 21-23



KIDS, WEAR YOUR
NON-SCARY COSTUMES
AND ENJOY:

POPCORN
INFLATABLES
WAGON RIDES
SUPERHEROES
CARNIVAL GAMES

NIGHT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
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FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

HARVEST
MORNING