

FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

How do you buy in or operate with the mindset of the "Gospel of And"
- feeling and acting like you need to believe in Jesus AND something else in order to be loved and accepted by God?

DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

Here are **4 questions (4Qs)** to ponder and pray through as you read the Bible: **(1)** Who is God? **(2)** What has He done? **(3)** Who am I in light of who He is & what He's done? **(4)** How should I live? Get out a notebook to keep near your Bible to record your thoughts in these areas.

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

For this coming series we have two recommended books that will be available for purchase at the Information Center:

What's So Amazing About Grace - Philip Yancey
The Gospel Primer - Milton Vincent

MEMORY VERSE:

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

What is the gospel? In Milton Vincent's book, *A Gospel Primer*, he writes "As a justified one, I am under God's gracious favor at all times because of what Jesus did! This favored standing has nothing to do with my performance, but only with the performance of Jesus!"

(p. 94) He goes on to say that he got out a 3x5 index card and began writing gospel-truth on it. How would you describe the gospel on your 3x5 card that is personal to you in the areas that you are tempted to "add" something to Jesus' performance?



To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.

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The Gospel of Grace

ROOTED
in Grace



SERMON NOTES

Galatians 1

A Radical **EARNED IDENTITY.**

A Radical **GIFTED IDENTITY.**

Paul was:

CLAIMED by **GOD.**

CALLED by **GRACE.**

and he had **CHRIST REVEALED** to him.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Share about the most radical change you have experienced in the way you look. Haircut? Clothes? Some sort of disguise?

Who contributed to your spiritual beginnings? How? If you had to argue for the reality of the Gospel by giving one example of how faith in Christ has changed you, what would you share?

CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

Define the Gospel, the Good News, in light of Galatians 1:1-5, 15-16?

What has God the Father and Son done?

See Galatians 1:4, Colossians 1:13-14, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 for more biblical explanation. You could also walk the Romans Road together: Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9,13.

Resist the urge to get through all of the questions. If all you get to in this series is to soak in the truth of the gospel, that's a huge win.

Paul indicates that some in Galatia are preaching a false gospel - not the gospel of Christ that he has taught them. What are some examples of false gospel-type (good news) messages that are declared by our culture today? What are things/messages/changes in society that people hope or cling to for comfort or rescue, instead of Jesus. (deceitful promise of wealth and comfort, deceitful promise of perfect health "live forever" mentality, pursuit of righteousness by "right thinking & right living")

Why did Paul feel so strongly and use such drastic language regarding the false teachers and faithless Galatians? (See v. 6-10, 13-14) What were the false teachers adding to Jesus and what he has done in order to be saved - i.e. Jesus and _____?

Paul's life change caused others to glorify God (Gal. 1:24). How has your life been impacted by seeing a change in someone else? How does the change God's made in your life impact others around you?

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What is the big change that will come with the new covenant? What does it mean to have God's law written on each of our hearts?

From the ESV Gospel Transformation Study Bible, "The internalizing of the law on the hearts of the people is the transformation by which the covenant promise will be fulfilled (Jer. 31:33; see 2 Cor.6:16). God himself asserts that the people 'shall all know me' (Jer. 31:34). This is not only an intellectual knowing about God but a relational knowing made possible by regeneration. It means believing in him, trusting him, and obeying him in gratitude for salvation."

What do we learn about Paul and his story from Gal. 1:1, 11-12, 15-24? How does his radical gifted identity and receiving a direct revelation from Jesus give him authority to teach what he does in Galatians? Why is Paul confident that the gospel he has is from God

Using Paul's example, list the milestones in your faith journey that have led you to a true understanding of the gospel?

Hand out paper and pens and give everyone some time to reflect and jot ideas. Use the next several group meetings to hear everyone's gospel story (1-2 people each week) as a way to know each other more deeply. Praise God for His grace after hearing each person's story.