



Week #1 of Galatians: A Gospel of Grace

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Coming Together

- “Yeah God” moments are those where we have seen or experienced God at work and can’t wait to tell others of the success or victory. “Oh God” moments are those experiences when we need God to be at work because we simply cannot find a solution, it’s too painful, and we don’t know how to get through this set of life’s circumstances.
- Share a “Yeah God” or an “Oh God” moment with your group since the last time you were together.

Growing in Our Understanding

- Read Galatians 1:1-10. What stands out to you about Paul’s introduction in this letter to the churches in Galatia?
- How does Paul identify himself in Galatians 1:1? Why do you think he would start his letter out this way? How does this compare with the introductions of some of his other letters?
- After reading Galatians 1:6-7, what was Paul’s attitude or emotions towards the Galatians? What seems to be at the crux of the matter? What has thrown these believers into confusion?
- What illustration does Paul use in Galatians 1:8-9 to communicate the importance representing the gospel accurately?
- What criticism has been levied against Paul in Galatians 1:10? Have any thoughts about how this criticism came about?

Unwrapping and Applying God’s Principles

- How would you define the gospel in your own words?
- Why is it important that the Galatian Christian then and us today be reminded salvation lay in the work of Christ and not in human works? See Ephesians 2:8-9.
- What is a good way to react to others when you hear the message of the Bible being distorted?
- According to Galatians 1:9, what’s at risk when people knowingly spread a false gospel? How can we make sure that the message we share with others is true to God’s Word?
- Paul says his actions are not meant to please people but rather to demonstrate that he is a “servant of Christ” (see Gal. 1:10). What can we do this week to demonstrate our commitment to serve Jesus?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- Read Galatians 5:1. What does it mean to you when Paul writes “Christ has set us free”?
- What does it mean to you when Paul encourages us “not to be burdened again with the yoke of slavery”?

Looking Ahead

Read Galatians 1:11-24. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. What power does this Gospel of Grace have to change lives?

