



Week #2 of Galatians: A Gospel of Grace

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### Coming Together

- What personal accomplishment in your life makes you smile the most?
- If you could teach yourself a new hobby, skill, or line of work what would you choose and why?

### Growing in Our Understanding

- Read Galatians 1:11-12. According to these verses, what were some of the characteristics of the Gospel that Paul preached to the Galatians?
- What do you think is Paul's goal in bringing up his personal life encounter with the Gospel? Read Galatians 1:13-14
- How do the following verses paint a picture of Paul's life before he believed in Jesus?
  - Acts 22:3-6, 19
  - Acts 26:10-12
  - 1 Timothy 1:13
- How do the following verses help us see the change in Paul's life after he received the Gospel of Grace?
  - Romans 1:1; 8:1-2
  - Acts 14:19-20; Galatians 1:23-24

### Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

- According to Galatians 1:11-14, why do you think the Galatians churches had such misgivings about Paul and the Gospel that he preached? Why are they so eager to add to this gospel?
- Read Acts 17:5-9. What are some of varied ways people respond to the Gospel? What is the major criticism levied against those who had received the Gospel of Grace (Acts 17:6)?
- Read Romans 1:16-17. Why might some people be "ashamed of the gospel"? From these verses, what gives the Gospel the power to change lives?
- What is the challenge to our lives in James 1:22-25? Why is it so difficult to live by grace in our lives?

### Deepening Our Hearts for God

- Do you have a "before" and "after" snapshot that you'd like to share of what your life was like with and without Jesus?
- Paul had a clear sense of God's calling on his life (see Gal. 1:15-16). What do you sense God has called you to do?

### Looking Ahead

Read Galatians 2:1-10. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. In these verses, how does Paul continue to fight for the freedom of the Gospel of Grace?

