

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GOOD NEWS!

Truth Has Been Found!
Everywhere we turn, some...

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss the transformative power of the gospel in our lives. Discuss how the gospel is for all.

ICE BREAKER



What is your favorite underdog or rags to riches story? Why do you enjoy it so much?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Galatians 1:11-24

¹¹ For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³ For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: God's Gospel is revelation that transforms.

Key Question: What does gospel transformation look like?

1. The gospel reveals our sin. (vv. 11-14)
2. The gospel reveals Christ. (vv. 15-16)
3. The gospel reveals our destiny. (vv. 17-24)

DISCUSSION



- Read Acts 9:1-19. Discuss what Paul’s conversion tells you about the power and character of God.
- Paul, in Galatians 1:14, identified his sinfulness as zealotry for the “traditions of my fathers”. What are areas the church can be tempted to pursue tradition rather than the mission that God has called us to pursue? Why is that sinful?
- In Galatians 1:15-16, Paul shares how his life was dramatically transformed when the truth of Christ was revealed to him. How has God transformed your life? Share the details of how you came to faith in Christ with your Life Group.
- Paul was not only transformed by Jesus, but he was also given a clear mission to share the gospel with Gentiles (v. 16). What mission has he given you? Where is he calling you to tell others about the transforming power of Jesus?
- Read Romans 1:16-17. How does the gospel empower us to “live by faith”? How does a deeper understanding of the gospel allow us to do live this out?

LIFE APPLICATION



The gospel is God’s revelation that transforms. As a group, discuss the ways you long to see God transform your community, families, friends, etc. Spend time praying over these areas, that God would reveal himself in these areas, and gospel transformation would occur. Try to set a goal to remind each other to continue to pray into these areas over the next week.

jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


