

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GOOD NEWS!

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

DISCUSSION GOAL



To understand the phrase, “nothing but the Gospel is needed,” and what it looks like to live like it’s true.

ICE BREAKER



What is the most “extra” thing about you? Or what’s one thing you’re always willing to splurge on?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Galatians 2:1-21

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ² I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴ Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— ⁵ to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶ And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸ (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

(Turn to Galatians in the ESV bible to continue reading verses 11-21)

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Nothing but the gospel is needed.

Key Question: What does the gospel give us?

1. The gospel is our source of freedom. (vv. 1-5)
2. The gospel is our source of ministry. (vv. 6-14)
3. The gospel is our source of justification. (vv. 15-21)

DISCUSSION



- In Galatians 2, Paul addresses an issue that was dividing the early church. He passionately declares that it is only by faith in the gospel, the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection, that we can be justified for our sins! In what ways do people try to work off or justify their sins in today's world? How has it divided the church?
- In Galatia, false brothers were trying to enforce extra rules and regulations upon gentile converts to Christianity, despite the freedom they have in Christ (vv. 1-5). When have you seen man-made rules strictly enforced in the context of the church? What affect did this have on you or others? How do we find freedom within God's boundaries found in scripture?
- In verses 11-14, we see Paul confronting Cephas [Peter] for failing to live out the ministry given to him because of his fear of men. How have you seen the fear of others impact your sharing of the gospel?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-10. According to this passage, what is our source and motivation for ministry (doing the good work God has for us)? What is the good work God has for you? Have you ever consider how God might be calling you to share the gospel? If so, share with the group. If not, ask God to reveal this to you and consider taking a spiritual gift assessment to shed light on the ways God's equipped you to do his good work.
(Life Group Leaders, please note that a spiritual gift assessment is available on the Leaders Resource Page)
- Paul teaches in v. 20 that we are not only justified by faith but that we live by faith. "And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God." How do you actively rely on Christ by faith as you live your life?

LIFE APPLICATION



The gospel is our source of freedom, our motivation for ministry, and the only thing that can justify us from our sin. As a group, discuss the next step you need to take to more fully live out the phrase, "nothing but the gospel is needed."

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



GOOD NEWS WEEK 3

