



This past Sunday Pastor Darren talked about the essence of the Gospel and what sort of unity that creates in our church and in our world. Take some time to discuss what Galatians 2:1-21 means for both our individual lives and our communal lives together.

REFLECT (10 Minutes)

Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

DIG DEEPER (20-30 Minutes)

Take a few minutes to read Galatians 2:1-10.

- Have there been times in your life when you have begun to think that your performance counts toward your salvation? What caused you to think this way?
- What are the “nice” and “proper” attitudes that your culture and upbringing has taught you? How could you or do you add these on to belief in Christ as an expectation for other Christians? Or non-Christians?
- Do you ever feel guilty or insecure in your relationship with God? What might this be telling you about how your view your acceptance with Him?

Take a few minutes to read Galatians 1:11-21.

- Can you think of examples of churches not prizing gospel unity sufficiently; or pursuing institutional unity at the expense of gospel truth?
- “In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; and in all things, charity.” What would you include in your list of “essentials” for Christian unity? Why these and not other potential items?
- Do you think that our churches have “invisible walls and boundaries”? Why or why not? What is good or bad about them?

RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

Both personally and as a part of your church, do you tend to over adapt or under adapt the gospel for the culture around you?

“Reconciliation with God and reconciliation with one another are inseparable in God’s saving work.” What are some ways we can join in God’s saving work in our various relationships with others?

How are you caring for the poor? How has Galatians 2:10 encouraged and/or challenged you?

PRAY (10 Minutes)

Take some time to pray for one another. Pray that God would shape your mind, your heart, and your life by the Gospel. Pray that the Gospel (the good news of Jesus alone) would become more clear to you through this sermon series and that as it becomes more clear it would shape and form your life more fully.

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it’s ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.