



Paul was not a mathematician, but he understood a basic gospel calculation: to add to Jesus was to subtract Jesus altogether. Any gospel revision, however small, makes the gospel null and void. That is Paul's concern in his letter to the Galatians. Paul confronts and fights against substitute versions of the gospel that have no power in our lives to bring life or to honour God.

- Galatians 1:1-9

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 1:1-9

Who have been some of the most influential people in your life?

How do you determine who and what influences you? How do you wrestle through the tension of trusting some people and being careful or skeptical with others?

How would you explain the Gospel to someone who asked you today what you believe?

In the verses at the beginning of Galatians we read about how the Galatian Christians had been influenced by the Judaizers to add to the Gospel (see v. 6). What are some of the things we are tempted to add to the Gospel in our day?

In your life, how have these temptations robbed you of the hope, freedom, peace and power of the Gospel in your life?

How important or influential is the undistorted Gospel truth to you? How has this shown itself in your life?

How do we wrestle with the tension between knowing the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone is what makes us right with God, but the laws of God are good and He calls us to follow them?

How can protect against the things we are tempted to add to the work of Jesus? What might that look like in various areas of our lives, (e.g. family, relationships, work, school, community, etc.)?

RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

How can we critically engage with the competing voices and opinions that constantly attempt to influence our worldview?

Specifically, what voices do you need to listen to on a more regular basis? What voices do you need to tune out?

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.