



Growth Group discussion questions for Galatians

Week of Oct. 1-4, 2017

1. NCC Q4: How and why did God create us?
A: God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.
Memorize, meditate on and be ready to recite Genesis 1:27
2. Read Galatians 1-6.
3. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on this passage on Sunday, Oct. 1st? How were you specifically challenged?
4. What questions did the message bring up that you'd like to discuss?
5. What points of application did you take away from the message?
6. Before you came to faith in Christ, what was your understanding of how someone could attain salvation and get to heaven?
7. In the apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians, he addresses the dangerous problem of "turning to a different gospel" (Gal. 1:6). Review your notes from our study on 1 Cor. 15:1-11. What is the biblical gospel? What must one believe by faith in order to be saved?

8. Why is it so dangerous to tamper with, change, or add to the gospel message? Why would Paul pronounce such a harsh curse on anyone preaching a false gospel (1:8-9)?

9. How did false teachers in the churches of Galatia change the gospel? (e.g. Gal. 3:1-6, 5:1-6, 6:12-15)

10. Can someone be saved by working hard to keep the Old Testament law (e.g. the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17))? Why or why not? (Gal. 2:15-21, 3:10-14, 3:21-22; Romans 3:19-26, Titus 3:5)

11. If trying to obey the Old Testament law cannot save you, what, then, was among the main purposes of the law? (Gal. 3:19-29, esp. v. 24; Rom. 3:20, 7:7)

12. Why do you think salvation by works is an appealing or logical message to so many?

13. What are some ways you have heard the gospel tainted, changed, truncated, or added to?

PRAY IN THE GROUP

- What has God impressed on you through this study? Pray that God would enable you to grow in any areas of spiritual conviction. Pray about specific needs of the people in your group.
- Pray for Cornerstone's new addictions ministry: that God would use it to draw many to salvation in Christ and freedom from life-dominating addictions.