



**Growth Group Discussion Questions for Galatians 1:6-11**  
**Week of September 15-18, 2019**

1. Scripture memory: Memorize, meditate on, and be ready to recite Gal. 2:20.
2. Carefully read Galatians 1, focusing especially in verses 6-11.
3. For each of the following phrases in the passage, write down some quick responses or thoughts.
  - a) "*astonished*" – What shocked Paul? The presence of false teaching or its impact?
  - b) "*so quickly*" – What creates resistance to false teaching?
  - c) "*deserting him*" – Why is following a different teaching considered deserting Christ?
  - d) "*grace of Christ*" – How is grace incompatible with the message of the Judaizers?
  - e) "*different gospel*" – What different gospel messages are there? Are they gospel?
  - f) "*trouble you*" - What would trouble someone enough to follow a different gospel?
  - g) "*distort the gospel of Christ*" – What is more serious... denial or distortion of the gospel?
  - h) "*we, or an angel from heaven*" – Notice "*we*" ... how can previously good teachers go bad?
  - i) "*let him be accursed*" – What is God's judgment for false teachers?
4. The teachers who were bringing a distorted gospel into the church likely came with claimed authority. Is a Christian teacher evaluated by his credentials and who he is, or by what he says? How do you equip yourself to discern between true and false teachings? (v 8-9, also see 2 Corinthians 11:12-15 and Deuteronomy 13:1-11)

5. It is interesting, in light of verse 8, to note that today two major religious competitors to Christianity (Islam and Mormonism) were established on the claim of angelic revelation to their founders (Muhammed and Joseph Smith). How do these religious beliefs both differ from the truth of the gospel? Do you think a true angelic messenger from heaven could have delivered such messages? (see 2 Corinthians 11:14 and John 8:44, also consider Revelation 22:9)
  
6. Why do you think Paul reacted so harshly to a distortion of the gospel? What is the danger of mixing works with the message of the gospel?
  
7. Why does Paul say that if he were trying to please man, that we would not be a servant of Christ? Why is there such a pull between serving Christ and being accepted by the world? (See John 15:18-19, 17:14; James 4:4) Do you see this struggle between the world and serving Christ being played out in people's lives around you? How about in your own life?
  
8. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on Sunday, Sept. 15th? How were you specifically challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?

**PRAY IN THE GROUP:** Part of the Cornerstone family, Marty and Mimi Coyne along with their 3 youngest children, Caleb, Josiah, and Gloria will be leaving on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> for Timisoara Romania. They will be partnering with Harvest Church Arad in gospel proclamation and discipling. Pray for the Coyne's ministry service, for their practical needs of securing long-term housing, settling into their new life and work, and their financial support. Pray also for their older children Brenda and Jimmy who will be remaining in Mayfield Heights.