

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Only One Gospel

The Truth of the Gospel:Part 2

Galatians 2:15-21

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These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions

1. What is your answer to the statement that all roads lead to salvation? Can you defend your answer from Scripture?
2. What motivates you to live for Christ?
3. Does being justified by faith alone in Jesus lead to living any way we want to - see 2 Cor. 5:17?
4. Read Galatians 2: 15-16, and also refer to Romans 8:1-4 as reference. The Apostle Paul devoted much of his writings to address and clarify this important Biblical principle about dying to the Law and justification by faith in Christ alone. What is the role of the law have in the saved life of Paul and us?
5. Pastor John spoke about justification being a one-time event in our lives, but that the process of becoming more Christ-like is a life-long process; from Galatians 2:20, share some of the (behavioural) changes in your life and life goals after receiving Christ?
6. Pastor John made it clear that if there is no change in a person, that person has not been saved. Discuss 1 John 2:28-3:10 and identify that evidence. Then discuss how we, imperfect believers, address the matter to those professing believers whose lives are marked by ongoing sin.
7. Pastor John spoke of how before we knew Christ, all of our “good works” were useless because they were tainted. He said that, “moral living, apart from Christ was self-centred.” Read Isaiah 64:6-7 and consider this issue in light of these words. By what sin are all of our good works outside of Christ tainted ?
8. There is a fine balance between being justified by Christ, saved by Faith not works (Ephesians 2:8-9) with being judged for our works. (I Corinthians 3:10-15) How would you explain this conundrum?
9. As human beings, we are naturally driven by glorying in our own accomplishments or even in “feeling good” about helping others. How can you sincerely mitigate this natural tendency in our service to Jesus Christ ?
10. Pastor John entitles his message as the **Truth** of the Gospel; in the world today Christianity tends to be viewed as being ‘useful’ as opposed to being ‘harmful’ to society in general. (Good works, moral standards, etc.) What are ways we can uphold the truth of the Gospel alone, while not devaluing any good social works that are being performed by the Church or by individual Christians?
11. John spoke of Christians as having a new motive for doing the right thing. He implied that it springs from the realization of the incredible love Christ showed us by dying for our sins. This kind of service is

no longer to earn salvation, but to show our love for Christ because He first loved us.

a.) How is this kind of service or obedience similar to what we would do for a spouse? (Read Ephesians 5:25-30)

b.) Why would doing the right thing or keeping God's law with this kind of attitude be much less burdensome than doing it because we have to?