

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Only One Gospel

Establishing the Truth of the Gospel

Galatians 2:1-10

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
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1. Paul claims that God summoned him to the Jerusalem meeting. Has God ever told you to do anything or go in a specific direction? How did you respond?
2. The teachings of the Judaizers, held by many in Galatia, was declared false by Paul because it said that the Gospel preached by Paul was incomplete. Other things needed to be added. What were those additional items? What things are sometimes added to the true Gospel today?
3. Paul met with "big shots" in Jerusalem. What can we learn from the way that he conducted himself there?
4. Discuss the relevance & importance of Paul taking Titus with him to the meeting in Jerusalem. (2:1-4)
5. What three things does Paul say that indicate the apostles in Jerusalem accepted and agreed with the gospel that Paul preached (vs. 3, 6, and 9)? What else is said that indicates that the Jerusalem apostles accepted Paul as a true apostle?
6. Moral law or faith? What is the issue and how does it play out today?
7. Read Isaiah 53:4-6 and 64:6. In his message this week, Pastor John spoke of how the ceremonial laws given to the Jews were given to show just how impossible it was for people to please God. In doing so, they were designed to point to our need of Christ's sacrifice.
 - a. How do these verses demonstrate our true condition as seen by God?
 - b. How do they emphasize the point that when we try to save ourselves, it actually pulls us away from the cross?

8. Sunday's message spoke of the fact that we are not bound to the Old Testament Jewish laws to be saved.
 - a. Why is it important that we distinguish between ceremonial laws that we don't need to follow anymore and the moral imperatives that we do?
 - b. How can we determine which laws are necessary to follow and which are not?

9. This passage is about the unity of the apostles. In what sense is their unity, our unity? What is Christian unity truly built on?

10. From your own experience can you think of examples of churches that have not prized gospel unity enough or have pursued unity at the expense of gospel truth?

11. Why is the condition given in vs. 10 important to the Gospel and to us?

12. How would you respond if someone were to ask you what do they need to do to be saved?