

*Sermon Questions for Life Groups*

***Only One Gospel***

***Walking in the Truth of the Gospel***

*Galatians 2:11-16*

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

1. What stands out in your memory about the Protestant Reformation?
2. What happens when Christians eat together?
3. Peter and Paul believed and preached the same Gospel but Paul felt it necessary to confront and rebuke Peter. What specifically did Peter do? What caused him to behave this way?
4. Are there people or places that you would feel uncomfortable eating and fellowshiping with?
5. Were Paul's actions justified? What issue did Paul see was at stake in Peter's behavior?
6. Do you think that Paul could have handled Peter's dissimulation in a better way?
7. Read Matthew 15:12-17 and James 5:19-20 and discuss the following:
  - a. How do Paul's actions towards Peter demonstrate the ideas that were taught in these passages?
  - b. What can we learn from Paul's example?
8. What immediate effect did Peter's actions have on others? What do you think the long term effect of Peter's actions would have been if Paul had not confronted him? How influential are **your** actions on others?
9. Peter was a leader in the church and yet, even he was swayed by the pressure of wanting to impress. Read Proverbs 18:2 and Proverbs 12:15 and discuss how do each of these verses relate to the situation in which Peter and Paul found themselves?

10. In Pastor John's message he mentioned that there "are no good Christians" as a warning to us. Read I Corinthians 10: 1-13 and summarize at least one thing that Christians need to be so careful about.
11. Peter succumbed to peer pressure, and the essence of Peer Pressure is fear; think of a fear that you may have had in terms of worrying about what other people may think of you and how did God help you to overcome that fear or is continuing to help you overcome that fear?
12. Can you think of anything in your life which effectively denies the truth of the gospel? Can you think of any other situations where the truth of the Gospel could be compromised by the behavior of those who claim to believe it?
13. Are you comfortable with confronting wrong? How uncomfortable are you with being confronted?
14. Read Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1, II Thessalonians 3:15, II Timothy 3:16-17 and suggest how we can go about and help restore a brother or sister in sin.
15. Read Proverbs 26:11 and Proverbs 29:8-9. After seeing how the circumcision group had repeatedly tried to stir up trouble in the early church, would it be better to reject the people and ideas of the circumcision group, rather than trying to reason with them about the truth?
16. What are the different ways we can and should 'behave the gospel' in our lives?
17. How might this incident be applied to our own church and our experience of unity and fellowship?
18. Who are you eating with, embracing and including in your fellowship? Are they broadening your perception of the Church?
19. In what way should the gospel's truth, that we are not justified by works but by faith, impact a church like ours that has a growing diverse membership?
20. Discuss how much of an influence does culture play at West Highland with some examples. What things can we do to prevent sharing our form of Christian culture when venturing into short term missions in another country or even with friends and family?