

GALATIANS 1

Chi Alpha Lifegroup Guide Galatians

LESSON PREP

This week we will see what was happening in the Galatian churches, how we can learn from their mistakes, and how we can build one another up, even if we have to use correction. Correction is part of love.

PRE LG TEXT MESSAGE QUESTIONS

Have you ever thought about correction being a part of love? Find out at LG how correction can be a kind thing.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Galatians 1:10

10N1 FOLLOW UP

Dive into vs 10 – have them answer Paul's questions: do they try to win approval of man or of God? Why? What is their motivation throughout the day?

OVERVIEW

The following video by The Bible Project gives a great overview of the book of Galatians: <https://youtu.be/vmx4UjRFp0M>

INTRODUCTION

The Galatian churches were being pulled away from the true gospel by a group of Jewish Christians. They were insisting that the Galatian churches must follow the Law of Moses in order to be really saved, and the Galatian churches were falling for it. Paul writes this letter to them to implore them to not add or take anything away from the gospel that they originally received by hearing it. Nothing can be added or taken away otherwise it's "really no gospel at all" (vs 7). Paul uses strong language in his letter to the Galatian churches, and for good reason. This is a serious matter!

Galatians 1:1-5

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *Something to be noticed right from the start is that Paul starts with an unusual greeting for the Galatian churches. He gives them no praise or thanksgiving as he usually does in his letters to other churches (Romans, 1 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians). Instead, he points the church right back to Christ and the gospel – Christ "gave himself for their sins to rescue them" (v4).*

- Why would Paul open his letter to the Galatian churches in this way?

Galatians 1:6-10

- According to the Scriptures, what seemed to be the problem within the churches of Galatia
- Why was this problem so dangerous?
- Have you ever experienced temptation to hide behind the law? Share about your experience.
- What does a false gospel look like? Why do we need to be aware of this?
- Are you willing to lovingly correct someone even if it means compromising your reputation? (vs 10) Why or why not?
- What does brotherly/sisterly correction look like?
- What is to be appreciated about this correction?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *Paul used correction here as a means to point people to Jesus and not as a means to please himself.*

Galatians 1:11-24

- How does Paul use his testimony to point back to Christ as the focal point?
- What can we learn from Paul in this chapter?
- What can we learn from the churches of Galatia?

APPLICATION

How can you receive correction with more grace moving forward? Pray for the Lord to help you be mindful of moments of people pleasing, how can reflecting on Christ help you in those moments?

