

LESSON PREP

This chapter will help you talk through confrontation and justification.

PRE LG TEXT MESSAGE QUESTIONS

We will continue in Galatians tonight! Praying for you as we get prepped for LG. Feel free to bring any questions you have.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Galatians 2:21

1ON1 FOLLOW UP

Is there any way that you have set God's grace aside? What is grace? What does that mean for you?

INTRODUCTION

The beginning of Chapter 2 opens with Paul continuing his testimony to establish His credibility. Paul is what people call a "capitol A" Apostle. This means he was sent on mission directly by Jesus, not by any man, group of men or a church. Paul points this out a few times in CH1, v1, 12.

Galatians 2:1-10

- What does it mean that God does not show favoritism (v6)? What should that mean for the Christian?
- How do you allow people to influence your view of Christ?
- How do you take responsibility for your own faith and search out truth for yourself?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *Paul is bold, v11 says "I opposed him to his face" (talking about Peter) because he stood condemned before God. Paul saw Peter's hypocrisy when certain Jewish men came around. Peter would eat with Gentiles when they weren't around, but would turn his face away from them when Jewish Christians were around. A few things need to be pointed out:*

- Paul did not go behind Peter's back and start talking about how Peter fell away, rather he came directly to Peter.
- Paul did this because he saw Peter stood condemned before God and he wanted Peter to remember the truth of Christ; Paul didn't do it from a selfish motive.
- We should "judge" our brothers and sisters in Christ in a way that is kind, selfless and gentle:
 - 1 Corinthians 5:12 says "what business is it of mine to judge those outside of the church? Are you not to judge those inside?"
 - Galatians 6:1 says "if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently"

Galatians 2:11-14

- How does confrontation make you feel? When is confrontation important according to the scriptures? What is a healthy and kind way to confront someone?
- Are there certain people that you won't "eat with" when others are around? Or that you won't "eat with" in general because they aren't like you? What pride lies beneath this attitude?

"A Christian is not somebody who has no sin, but somebody against whom God no longer chalks sin, because of his faith in Christ. This doctrine brings comfort to consciences in serious trouble." – Martin Luther

Galatians 2:15-21

- What does it mean to be justified by faith? How would you explain this to someone who has never been in church?
- What does it mean to die to the law?
- What does it look like to "live by faith" on a daily basis?
- How would you explain the difference between being good and being a Christian?

APPLICATION

Have the group work on the memory verse and reflecting on it throughout the week.

