

ONLY ONE GOSPEL – EXPLORING GALATIANS

Talk 2 – Gal 1:11-24 – Its not MY Gospel!

Small group questions

Leaders – Choose *some* from the following. Don't feel the need to work through every one!

If the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer,
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Can you recall a time when you felt pressured to conform to the prevailing views of a group, even if you didn't fully agree? How did you navigate that situation?

Read Galatians 1:1-10.

1. I RECEIVED IT

1. How does Paul's assertion that he received the gospel directly from Jesus Christ help our understanding of its authenticity and authority?
2. What does it mean to you that the gospel is revealed by God, not just a human idea?
3. How has the gospel come to us as a revelation of God?

2. I WAS AGAINST IT

1. Discuss the significance of Paul's transformation from persecutor to preacher. What does it teach us about the power of God's grace?
2. How does Paul's past opposition to the gospel serve as a reminder of God's ability to reach even the most resistant hearts?
3. Reflect on a time when you or someone you know held strong opposition to the gospel message. How did God's grace transform that perspective?

3. I HAVEN'T CONFUSED IT

1. How do you discern between the true gospel and false teachings in today's world? What role does Scripture play in guiding this discernment process?
2. How do you ensure that your understanding of the gospel stays grounded in Scripture, rather than being influenced by human opinions or traditions?
3. Discuss the importance of remaining steadfast in the true gospel message, especially when faced with societal pressure or conflicting ideologies.

4. IT IS ALL FOR THE PRAISE OF GOD

1. What does it mean for Jesus to be the central focus of our lives and ministries, as exemplified by Paul's life? How can we practically prioritise Christ in our daily pursuits?
2. What does it mean to you that the ultimate goal of our lives should be the praise and glory of God?
3. How does this perspective change the way you approach your daily life, relationships, and decisions?
4. What are some ways you can prioritise God's glory in your life, even in small ways, this week?

Prayer idea – Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for revealing your Son Jesus to us, and for the grace that has transformed our lives. We praise You for the Gospel that is not of human origin but received through divine revelation. Help us to grasp the depth of Your grace and mercy as demonstrated in the life of Paul, who was transformed from a persecutor to a proclaimer of Your truth. May we, too, be reminded that the Gospel is not our own, but a gift from You. Help us to hold fast to the true Gospel, and to prioritise your glory and praise in all we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.