

ONLY ONE GOSPEL – EXPLORING GALATIANS

Talk 3 – Gal 2:1-10 – *It's the Gospel of the historic leaders'!*

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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How do you feel when you meet someone who shares your passions and beliefs? How does it strengthen your sense of purpose?

Read Galatians 2:1-10.

Paul's Gospel matched the historic leaders'

1. How does it reassure you to know that Paul's Gospel aligns with the teachings of the Jerusalem leaders?
2. In what ways do you think the early church leaders demonstrated unity and agreement despite their different focuses?
3. How can we apply this unity and agreement in our own church and community?

It's a Gospel of freedom

4. How do you understand the freedom in Christ which is spoken of here? How has it shaped your understanding of what Jesus has done and how we live the Christian life?
5. How do you respond when others try to impose legalism or rules on your faith? Have you seen this happen in our church? How?
6. In what ways can we help each other remember that our relationship with God is based on grace, not works?

They agreed on Gospel partnership

7. How do you think Paul and the Jerusalem leaders demonstrated intentional planning and focus in their ministries?
8. Are you aware of plans in our church which align with and arise from the Diocesan catch phrase "Sharing Jesus for life"?
9. How can we support and encourage each other developing our mission plan?

And to remember the poor

10. What are some practical ways we can serve and support those in need in our community?
11. How can we ensure that our faith is not just a personal matter, but also leads us to care for others?

Prayer idea – *Dear Heavenly Father,*

We thank you for the unity and agreement we see in your early church leaders, and we pray for that same unity and agreement in our own lives and church. Help us to stay true to the Gospel of freedom, and not slip back into legalism or pride.

As we go out to share the Good News, give us intentional focus and planning, that we may reach those who need to hear it most. And as we remember the poor and vulnerable, fill our hearts with compassion and our hands with generosity.

May our lives be transformed by the Gospel, and may we reflect the heart of Jesus to those around us. We pray this in His name, Amen.