

ONLY ONE GOSPEL – EXPLORING GALATIANS

Talk 5 – Gal 1:1-14 – It's a Gospel about Christ's rescue

Small group questions

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

If the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer,
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Why do you think Paul begins this section by calling the Galatians "foolish"? How does this set the tone for his message?

Read Galatians 3:1-14.

Christ's death is central

1. How does the centrality of Christ's death on the cross impact your understanding of the Christian faith?
2. What does it mean to you that Jesus' death is the heart of the Gospel message?
3. How have you experienced the temptation to turn the Christian message into a "do" rather than a "done"? How have you responded to this tendency?

Believing is the key

4. How can you remind yourself daily that your salvation is a "done" deal, and that you don't have to earn God's love and acceptance?
5. How can you encourage others in your church to trust in God's grace and love, rather than their own works?
6. How does the truth that we are saved by grace through faith impact your daily life?
7. What are some practical ways you can live out the truth that believing/trusting is the key to our relationship with God?

...as it was for Abraham

8. What do you find surprising or comforting about the fact that Abraham was justified by faith, not by works?
9. How does Abraham's story challenge the way you think about the Old Testament and its relevance today?
10. In what ways can we practice the same kind of faith that Abraham demonstrated? How can we cultivate trust in God's promises in our lives? What can we learn from his example?
11. How can you apply the principle of trusting God in your own life, even when you don't understand what's happening?

So blessed! Christ took the curse of the law

12. How does the truth that Christ took the curse of the law for us impact your understanding of God's grace and love for you?
13. What does it mean to you that you are no longer under the curse of the law, but are now blessed with the promise of the Spirit?
14. How can we more proactively celebrate and revel in all that has been done for you by God through Jesus Christ? Is there something we should consider for our services or small groups?

Prayer idea: Heavenly Father, We thank you for the reminder that our salvation is a "done" deal, accomplished by your grace and love through Jesus Christ. Help us to rest in the truth that our relationship with you is based on what you have done for us, not on what we do for you. May we celebrate and revel in your love and grace, and may we share this good news with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.