



GROUPSDISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK Oct 16 – 22

MAIN IDEA

Receiving and holding the gospel, without the “plus ones.”

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week/holidays. High: What was your biggest highlight since we last met? Low: What was the low point during this time?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

Have you ever been hurt by a Christian’s legalism? Share an example with the group.

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 15 min

1. Read Galatians 1:1-5. A lot of times we breeze past the opening of an epistle. What do these first five verses tell us about what Paul believes about God, himself, and the churches in Galatia?
2. What is the good news message (gospel) we see in verses 3-4? What cost has been paid for us? What have we been rescued from?

3. Read Galatians 1:6-9. The false “gospel” that the Galatians had started to believe and even teach was that the grace of Jesus wasn’t enough. The false gospel became Believe + The Law = Saved. How serious is Paul taking this false gospel? How do you see that in this passage?
4. Why is this false gospel a “perversion” and “deserting” Jesus?
5. Read Romans 3:20-24 & Ephesians 2:8-9. What do these verses say about our standing with God apart from his grace?
6. Why is grace so vital to our faith? How is grace different from other religions?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

1. In what ways do some Christians try to impose rules on others?
2. The false gospel comes from moving from Jesus = Salvation to Jesus + _____ = Salvation. What “plus ones” do you find yourself accidentally inserting into the gospel?
3. As a follower of Jesus, what are some ways you can best ground yourself to the true gospel instead of drifting toward “plus ones”?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

Let’s immerse ourselves into the book of Galatians these next seven weeks. You can join our church wide reading plan called “Live Free” on the YouVersion Bible app. Spend some time in the devotion everyday and share some of your reflections with your group.

Note: You can easily find the plan by making Summit Christian Church your home church on the YouVersion Bible app. Just type our church name in the “discover” section and click on our logo.