

# GROUPSDISCUSSION GUIDE

# WEEK Oct 23 - 29

### MAIN IDEA

Finding transformation in the gospel.

#### 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

What's a formative experience you've had in life? A season, situation, training, or process that really helped shape a part of who you are.

# DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 15 min

- 1. Read Galatians 1:11-17. What was the purpose Paul gave for starting to share his testimony? Why does this purpose give him passion for the gospel?
- 2. Because of his encounter with Jesus, what purpose did God give him?

- 3. Some passages are descriptive (tells us what happened) and others are prescriptive (tells us what to do). We aren't being told that we need to have the exact same experiences as Paul, but what could you adapt your life to from Paul's testimony and response?
- 4. Read Galatians 1:18-24. Paul tells parts of his story 10 different times in the New Testament. Three of the most detailed accounts can be found in Acts 9, 22, 26. Why do you think Paul leverages his testimony so often to share his faith with others?
- 5. How have your transforming experiences with God changed the way you think, feel, and live?
- 6. Read Galatians 2:1-10. How do you see Paul's life become marked by obedience, faith, and conviction?

# GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

- 1. Read Romans 12:1-3. Having read the testimony of Paul, we can see how he lived out the instructions found in this Romans passage. Why are these instructions vital to helping us find transformation in the gospel?
- 2. Considering verse 3, how might you find thinking of yourself more highly than you ought? How does that stop you from experiencing more of God's grace?
- 3. Where in your life have you been conformed by the world but want to step into the transformation of the gospel?

#### STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

Let's immerse ourselves into the book of Galatians during this study. 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.

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