

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

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Text: Galatians 2:11-14

Sermon: Ted Rastatter

Questions: John Brewer

In Galatians 2:11-14, Paul confronts Peter (Cephas) for placing adherence to cultural traditions over unity in the Church. Paul views this as an affront to the Gospel.

Main Point: Fear of God produces freedom, but the fear of people enslaves us to them.

Discussion Questions:

1. Ted asserted that we have to risk offending God or risk offending people. Peter (Cephas) had times when he was bold in standing on God's truth. He also had other times, where he compromised due to his fear of people. Before you read the references, can you recall any of these other stories? A few references: Acts 2:22-24, Acts 5:27-31, Matthew 26:69-75. Why did Peter's boldness ebb and flow, and how do we see this in ourselves?
2. Ted asserted that in order to properly fear God, we need to stop performing for people. In this passage, Paul said that Peter *feared* the proponents of circumcision (Galatians 2:1-10). What were some of the reasons Ted suggested that Peter may have been tempted to make this compromise on his gospel convictions? How are we tempted to give up our convictions on the gospel in the same areas?
3. Ted posited that honoring Jesus above everything means loving people enough to risk losing them. In other words, we need to love people without needing their approval. What does this mean, and how do we do it? Can you think of any relationship you can share where your boldness to share the gospel clearly is hindered by your desire for acceptance or social propriety?
4. Ted's final point was that honoring Jesus means giving him the glory we sinfully want for ourselves. What is the antidote to fearing others and wanting our own glory? Reference Matthew 10:28.

As we conclude our month of "Praying with Paul", pray through Colossians 4:2-4, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5.

Two awesome quotes to take away from this week's message:

- With people, there's a never-ending to-do list. With God, there's an already done list.
- The cross isn't God reaching for something he lacks. It's God extending a gift out of the infinite fullness he already has.

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## Reflection:

Ted proposed these questions to help gauge our hearts on serving God vs pleasing people.

- What controls my emotional highs and lows?
- Does criticism crush me and praise inflate me?
- Does disapproval linger longer than God's promises?
- Am I more concerned with looking stupid in front of people or being sinful before God?
- Who has the final word on my identity, God or others?
- Do I change to fit my surroundings?