



Reflection Questions

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Recognition & Rebuke

Galatians 2

As we walk through Paul's letter to the Galatians, this week's passage brings us face to face with one of the most important questions a Christian can ask: do I know the gospel well enough to stand on it when standing costs me something?

Reflection Questions:

1. Paul insists the gospel was revealed to him by God rather than defined by men -- how does the source of our knowledge about the gospel affect the confidence with which we are willing to defend it?
2. There is a parallel between epistemology and faith, that all true knowledge is ultimately revealed by God -- in what ways does this shape how you evaluate competing religious claims or spiritual teachings you encounter?
3. Peter had already received a vision from God declaring Gentiles clean, yet he still drew back from eating with them when men from James arrived -- what does this tell us about the gap that can exist between what we believe and how we actually behave under social pressure?
4. Peter's withdrawal in Antioch was a form of legalism that was just as damaging as openly false teaching -- in what subtle ways might we be living as though fellowship or acceptance depends on something other than faith in Christ alone?
5. Paul says in Galatians 2:20 that he has been crucified with Christ and that it is no longer he who lives but Christ who lives in him -- what does it look like practically for a believer to live from that identity rather than from their own performance or reputation?
6. Making personal convictions a test of spirituality, when Scripture does not forbid the thing in question, is a form of legalism that divides the church -- where do you find it most difficult to distinguish between biblical standards and personal preferences in your own life?
7. Paul's rebuke of Peter was public because Peter's compromise was public and had public consequences -- what principles should guide a Christian in deciding when a private concern needs to be addressed openly within the community of faith?