The Truth of the Gospel: Grace Gives Freedom

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Galatians 1:1-7

1. Who is the source of grace and peace? Why does Paul use this description of God?

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- 2. Where does this "Father" language come from? What makes it possible for Paul to say "our" Father?
- 3. What does this tell us about how God defines his family?
- 4. What was Paul's issue with the Galatians? What does he accuse them of?
- 5. Why was this such a problem for Paul?
- 6. What distortions of the gospel are prevalent in our world today? Why do you think this is? Why these ones in particular?
- 7. What additions to the gospel do we often make or insist on? Why do people do this?
- 8. What is freedom? What is the freedom that the gospel brings? How is this different from the definition(s) of freedom that society uses?
- 9. What was the role of the Law? Why was the Law a good thing? Why was Paul insistent on not denigrating it?
- 10. What are the 'oughts' that we think God requires of us?
- 11. What 'oughts' do we expect of others? Why?
- 12. What 'oughts' are a true outworking of the gospel?

Prayer points:

- Spend time praying for the situation in Israel/Palestine and the people affected by the conflict.
- Pray for the recently arrived family from Afghanistan.