



Text: Galatians 1:1-10

Big Idea: Being saved by grace through Christ frees us from the penalty of sin. It also shows us we are free from man-made religion and rules meant to try to earn God's favor. We rest on the truth we are in Christ through God's gift of Grace.

- Legalism is working in our own power according to our own rules in order to earn God's favor.
- The true gospel destroys legalism.
- The true gospel frees us.

Discussion Questions:

1. Obedience to Scripture is not legalism. Adding our own rules and seeking to follow them to gain favor, turns obedience into legalism. Due to our sin nature, though, we have legalistic tendencies. How does it show up in your own thoughts and actions?
2. Our spiritual disciplines (such as prayer, reading Scripture, engaging in community) should cause us to lean more into Jesus. They are not end goals. As you exercise spiritual disciplines, how could you or do you find they lead you toward Christ?
3. Think of a time you gave a special gift to someone. Describe the person's response. What made the response special? God gave the Gospel for His glory (v.4). Why is it important to understand the origin and purpose of the Gospel? How does it shape our response?
4. Sometimes we can wrongly assume the Gospel message to accept Jesus is "too easy". However an obedient walk is certainly not easy. Share some things from which are you freed when you focus on the true Gospel? How does that freedom impact your walk with Christ?