



**Text:** Galatians 2:11-21

**Big Idea:** Hypocrisy is portraying oneself as someone they are not. As disciples of Jesus, when we do that, it impacts us, the church and those observing from outside the church. We must be vigilant about the influence of hypocrisy.

- Hypocrisy condemns us.
- Hypocrisy deviates from the Gospel.
- Faith in Christ alone justifies us.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Fear leads to hypocrisy. Peter was afraid of the Jewish believers (v12). In this instance, Paul spoke forcefully into the situation (11,14). What fears can tempt you into hypocrisy? What provisions has the Lord provided in your life to protect you?
2. Peter had a personal experience reminding him the Gospel was for all nations, transcending religious roots. (Acts 10:9-16) Describe situations we might tend to avoid because they put us in contact with people (believers) who are unlike us. How can that become self-righteous?
3. How would you explain “justification by faith” to someone who has never heard the Gospel?
4. Read Galatians 2:20-21 again. How do you see God working for you? In you? Through you?