

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: Freeway (A Study of Galatians)
Message Title: Good Enough
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UP NEXT

- **EASTER EGG HUNT** - We are asking that each Life Group drop of at least 3 dozen filled Easter eggs for the egg hunt. You can drop them off at the church beginning Sunday, April 2nd. Also if you want to volunteer at the Egg Hunt, please email roger.graber@reality.church
- **REALITY KIDS FX** - Reality Kids is hosting a family experience on **Friday, March 31st**, from 7 to 9 pm. Come enjoy a night together as a family with music, entertainment and encouragement! don't miss this opportunity to connect spiritually as a family, and to get to know some other families! There will also be a party with refreshments in the warehouse following the show!
- **RIGHTNOW MEDIA** - is a wonderful library of video resources for all ages and by attending Reality Church you have received free access to it. To log in or request access to this amazing service please visit reality.church/rightnow.

MAIN IDEA

How Good is Good Enough? Jesus!

INTRODUCTION

- The way we live our lives says much about us. The decisions we make, the paths we choose, each of these speak volumes about our motivations and beliefs. So as Paul defended himself and his message against the accusations of the new teaches in Galatia, he laid his life before his audience. Over and over again he was willing to risk his life, reputation, and even the approval of other Christian leaders to live out the message of grace and freedom he had been given. For us, and for the Galatians, he was an example of someone who lived his life in line with his calling and mission.

DISCUSSION

- Where would your family and friends consider you on the following scale?



- What are some pros & cons to each?
- Have you ever drastically changed your mind about something (so much so that it surprised others?)
- Have you ever been afraid of the judgement of God? Did the messages you heard at church add to or alleviate that fear?
- Have someone read [\(Galatians 1:11-17\)](#)
 - What do you think it was like for Paul to go from violently opposed to the message of Jesus to arguing with people to accept the message of Jesus?
 - What did he stand to lose or gain in doing so?

- Paul's life had been drastically changed by Jesus... list a few ways Jesus has changed your life?
- God had called Paul to take the message of Jesus to the Gentiles. Do you feel like God has something specific for you to do with your life?
- Have someone read [\(Galatians 2:1-10\)](#)
 - Paul could have compromised his message to gain the approval of others. What are some of the pressures that we face (at work, school, home) that can distract us from following through with what we believe God wants us to do?
 - Paul's life was so completely changed by grace that he could say, as in Galatians 2:20, that Christ lived in and through him. Do you feel like it is Christ living in you, influencing all of your actions and thoughts, or do you find yourself living life on your own?
 - What would be different about this week if you allowed Christ to live through you (to direct you and to guide you in your thoughts and actions)?
- Legalism = The idea that eternal life is obtained by being "Good Enough"
 - How *good* is *good* enough?
 - What's your definition of *good*?
 - Discuss the difference between Effort and Earning. (Lance described the difference as effort is being empowered by God while earning is replacing what only God can provide.
- **Series Memory Verse:** *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free..."* Galatians 5:1

"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

APPLY IT

- Believe who Jesus is and what He has done.
- Believe Jesus will do what He said He will do.
- Depend on Him only.



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Use this infographic as you read through Galatians.

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

1-2 THE GOSPEL OF THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH...

THE BACKSTORY: **1-12** JEWISH MESSIANIC MOVEMENT

THE DEBATE (SEE ACTS 15): ISRAEL SET APART BY PRACTICES COMMANDS IN THE TORAH

17 YOU MUST OBEY THE TORAH'S LAWS TO FOLLOW JESUS!

NON-JEWISH CHRISTIANS

16-25 YOU'VE EMBRACED A DIFFERENT GOSPEL?!

16-25 PAUL DEFENDS HIS MESSAGE & AUTHORITY

16-25 YOU'RE NOT SAYING TRUE TO THE GOSPEL! (1:6-17)

PEER'S HYPOCRISY IN ANTIOCH

BETRAYAL OF THE GOSPEL

16-25 PAUL COMPROMISED BY THE RISEN JESUS (ACTS 9)

PAUL SUPPORTED BY THE JERUSALEM APOSTLES

16-25 JESUS FAITHFULNESS TO LIVE & DIE ON OUR BEHALF

OR

OUR TRUST & DEVOTION TO JESUS

16-25 PEOPLE ARE NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE TORAH, BUT RATHER BY THE FAITH OF JESUS THE MESSIAH, AND WE HAVE FAITH IN THE MESSIAH JESUS. (2:16)

16-25 I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH THE MESSIAH & IT'S NOT I WHO COME BACK TO LIFE, BUT THE MESSIAH LIVING IN ME. AND THE LIFE I NOW LIVE, I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD WHO LOVED ME & GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME. (2:19-20)

THE HEART OF PAUL'S GOSPEL

16-25 WE BELONG TO JESUS' FAMILY... ONLY BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID FOR US!

16-25 ...BECOMES TRUE OF THEM

16-25 WHEN READERS ARE IN CHRIST, THEY ARE IN CHRIST'S FAMILY... AND HE IS WITH US

3-4 ...CREATES A NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY...

3-4 GOD

3-4 ALWAYS INTENDED AS TEMPORARY LONG AFTER THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

3-4 UNTIL THE OFFSPRING COMES. (3:21)

3-4 FULFILLED THE LAW BY LEAVING GOD & NEIGHBOR

3-4 TOOK THE CURSE OF ISRAEL'S SIN INTO HIMSELF

3-4 GOD'S BLESSING TO ALL (3:28)

3-4 REQUIRING NON-JEWISH CHRISTIANS TO OBSERVE THE TORAH:

3-4 ACTS AS IF JESUS DIDN'T FULFILL GOD'S PROMISE OR DEAL WITH OUR SINS

3-4 NEGLECTS THE FREEDOM THAT JESUS GAINED FOR US

3-4 IMPLIES GOD'S BLESSING TO ONE ETHNIC FAMILY

3-4 ABRAMAM (GENESIS 12:1-15)

3-4 DECLARED RIGHTEOUS IN GOD'S EYES (3:8)

3-4 GOD'S PURPOSE - ONE LARGE, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY RELATING TO HIM ON THE BASIS OF FAITH

3-4 ALL WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOUR OFFSPRING (GENESIS 22:18)

3-4 SO ONLY YOU AND I CAN BE BLESSED (GENESIS 22:18)

3-4 POSITIVE ROLE

3-4 FAILURE SIN

3-4 THE LAWS IMPRISONED EVERYONE UNDER THE POWER OF SIN. (3:22)

3-4 NEGATIVE ROLE

3-4 CHURCHES OF GALATIA (SEE ACTS 4:13-14)

3-4 FORGET PAUL! YOU NEED TO GET CIRCUMCISED!

5-6 ...THAT IS TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT

5-6 THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF JESUS!

5-6 WHO WILL NON-TENS LEARN GOD'S LAWS WITHOUT THE LAWS?

5-6 THE LAWS ARE GOOD

5-6 SIMPLIFIED BY LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR (LEVITICUS 19:18)

5-6 ...BUT THEY DON'T GIVE FOOLISH TO OBEY THEM

5-6 THE GOOD NEWS

5-6 JESUS FILLED THE LAWS ON OUR BEHALF

5-6 LIVES IN US THROUGH THE SPIRIT

5-6 NEW HUMANS WHO LOVE OTHERS

5-6 FRONT OF THE SPIRIT

5-6 LOVE

5-6 ANIMATES

5-6 TEACH

5-6 FAITHFULNESS

5-6 SELF-CONTROL

5-6 GOODNESS

5-6 THIS FRUIT REQUIRES CULTIVATION (IT'S NOT AUTOMATIC)

5-6 THROUGH THE SPIRIT, JESUS MAKES US INTO PEOPLE WHO LOVE GOD & OTHERS, AND FULLY

5-6 THE TORAH OF THE MESSIAH! (6:2)

5-6 IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, WE HAVE TO KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT. (6:25)

WHAT MATTERS IS GOD'S NEW CREATION

6-15 THE NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY OF THE MESSIAH...

...FULL OF FAITH IN JESUS...

...LOVING GOD & OTHERS IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT