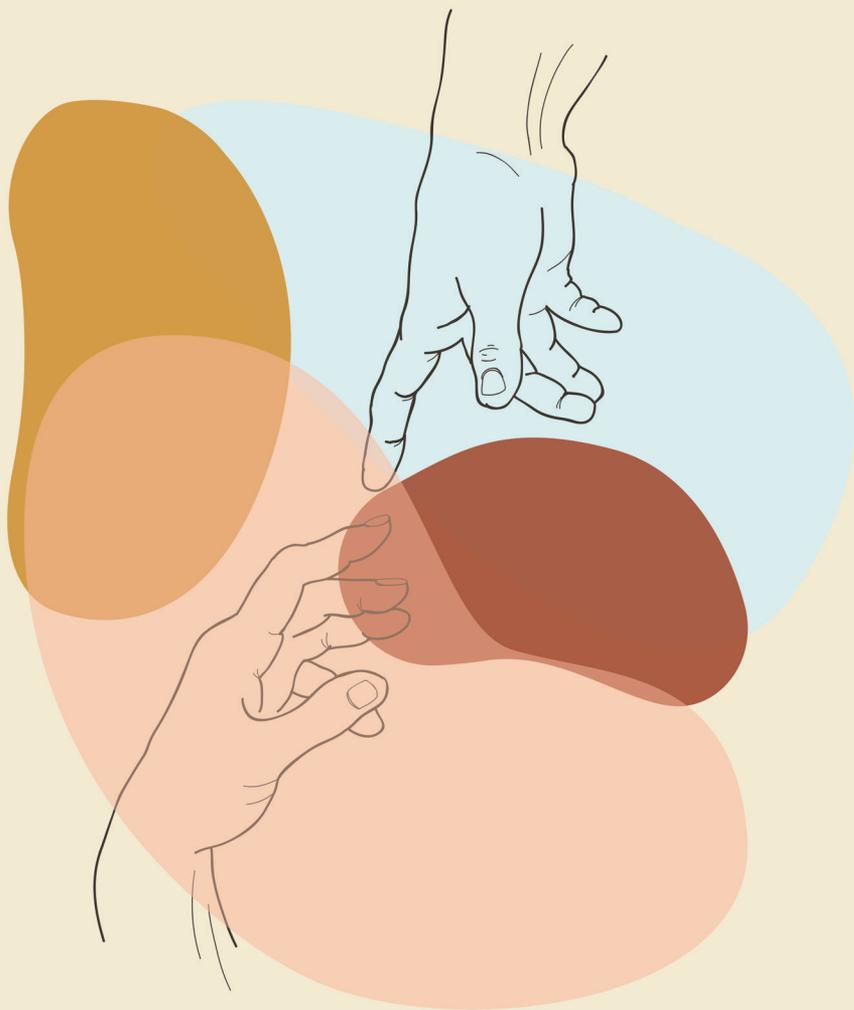
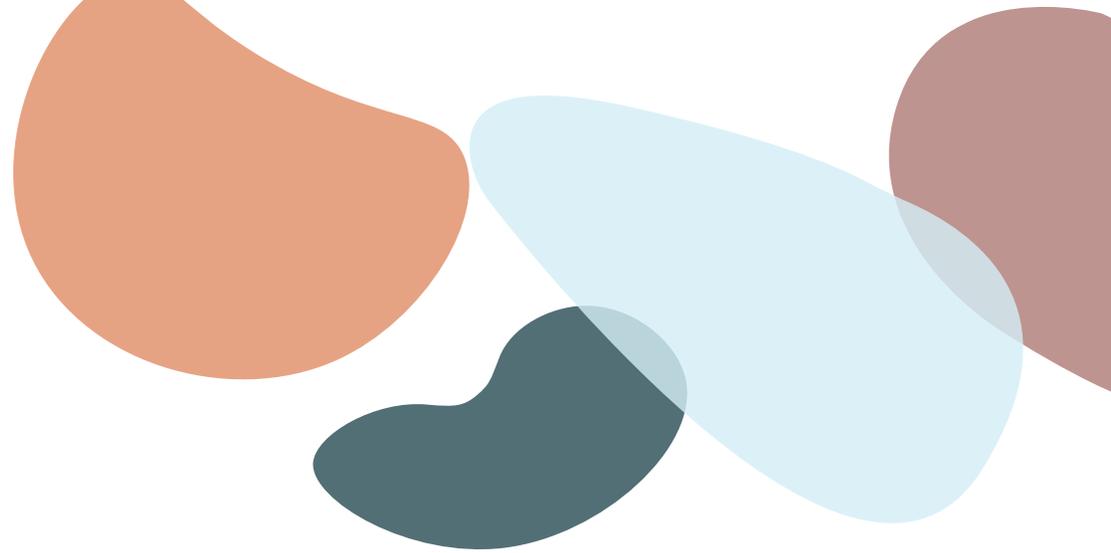
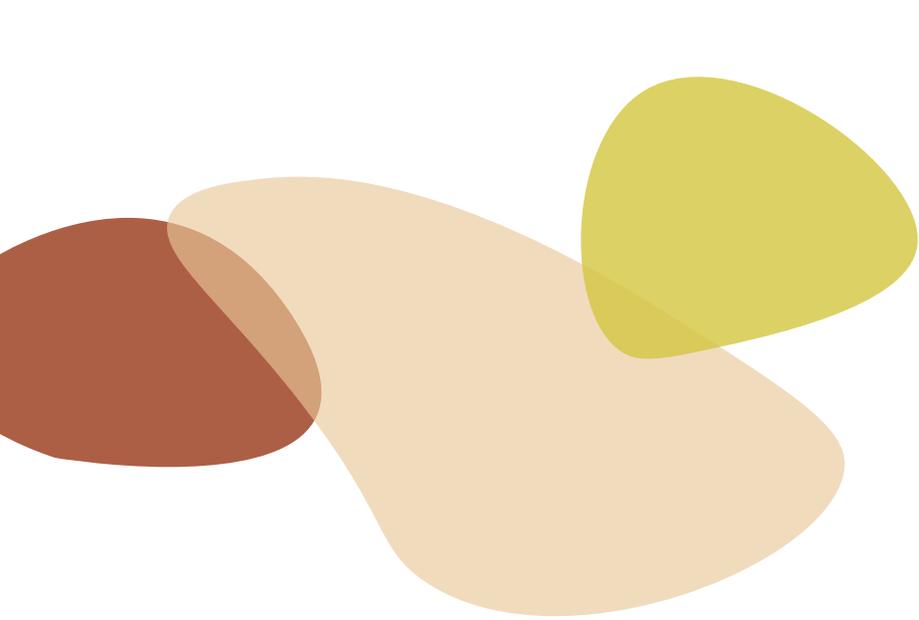


GALATIANS



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HOW TO USE THIS CONNECT GROUP CURRICULUM

The goal of connect group curriculum is to enable each person to be in the Bible for themselves and for the Bible to guide the group discussion. The discussion questions are based on the scripture passage and not directly connected to the sermon. The sermon's role is to inform us as we study the passage together.

To enable everyone to contribute in group time, members should select a group role prior to meeting. Descriptions are listed on the Group Role Cards, which are located in the Group in a Box.

More group resources can be found on: www.sanctuschurch.com/connectgroups

THIS STUDY HAS TWO PARTS:

Walk with Jesus

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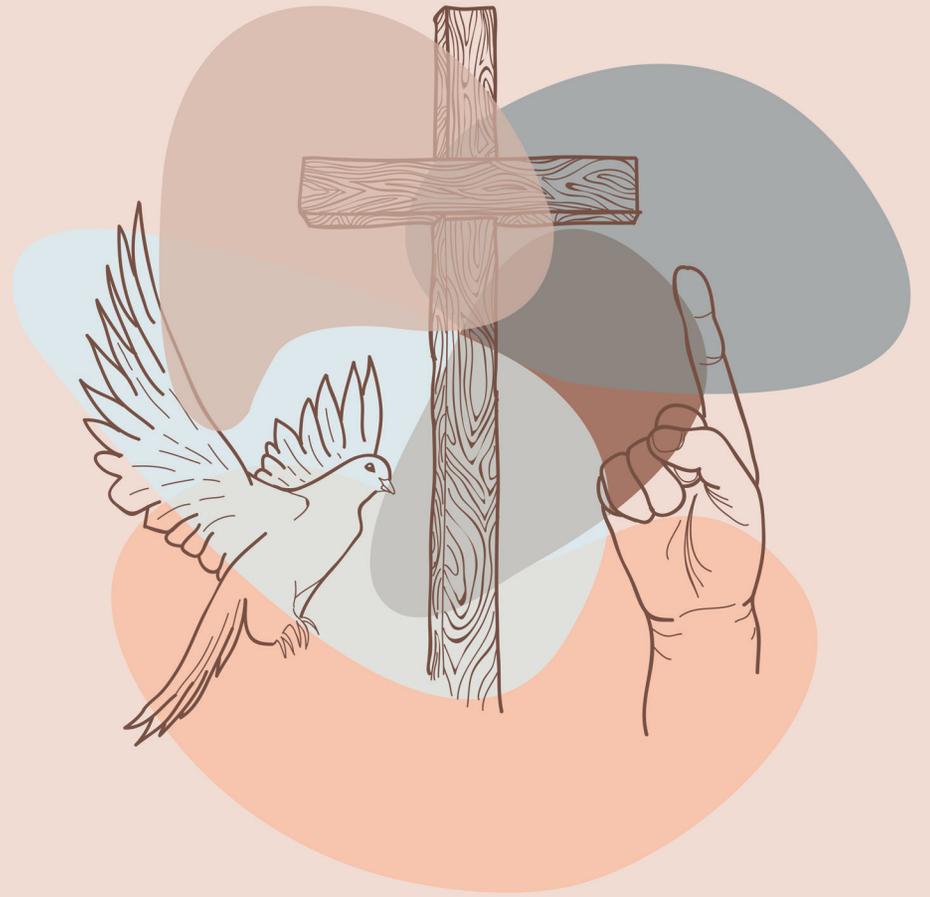
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This section will lead your group through your meeting time and includes a Table Talk video.

Table Talk Video

This is a short video where Pastor Jon and Pastor Angela interact around the passage of scripture being studied each week. It's a great kick-start to your discussion time, and it provides some additional insights into the sermon and the passage being studied.

Downloadable study guides and table talk videos can be found on: www.sanctuschurch.com/currentseries



TRUE GOSPEL

WEEK 1

Connect Small

GALATIANS 1:1-10

If this is your first meeting, take turns introducing yourself and share an expectation that you have of being in a connect group (start/end times, commitment, communication, food, etc).

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 1

LET'S TALK

Paul begins this letter by establishing his authority Who has authority in your life? Who do you listen to?

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 1:1-10 in two different translations.

Share a learning from your Walk with Jesus time.

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

Tone is something that is really significant in this book. Look at Paul's word choice. He begins in verse 6 with a rebuke about the Galatians' deserting the gospel. Why do you think Paul chose such strong language?

He goes on to say, What you're being encouraged to follow now is not just a simple variation, it's not just a modified or improved version of what you learned before, it's an "Alien message" a "no message" a "lie".

What is he trying to highlight with his word choice here?

LET'S APPLY

Think again for a moment about who you listen to in life - Media? Friends? Family? Colleagues? Increasingly, we rely on social media to determine where to eat, what to watch, what to wear etc. How discerning are you of the voices you allow into your heart/mind? Which voices have the most influence or power over you?

Like the Galatians, a new believer's faith is vulnerable. Think of someone you know, who is new to the family of God. What can you do to help them during this critical introductory time?

Paul's tone reminds us that Christian faith is a matter of heart, as well as head - feelings, as well as intellect. How does this encourage you? How does it challenge you?

How are you most tempted to fear men and seek their approval? What changes need to be made, if in those moments you lived to please God?

Did you catch the mini summary of the gospel found in v. 4? This reminder also helps establish authority and grounds the conversation he's about to have. Do you have a concise account that you can use to share the Gospel with others?

LET'S PRAY

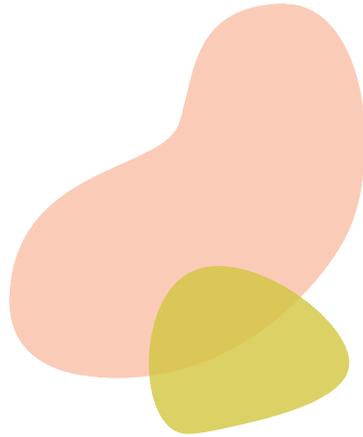
Pray that one another would live lives marked by the gospel. Confess how easily we turn to false gospels.

Pray that we would understand the true gospel and share it with those who do not know it.

WEEK 1

Walk With Jesus

A five-step personal devotion plan with a suggested timeframe:



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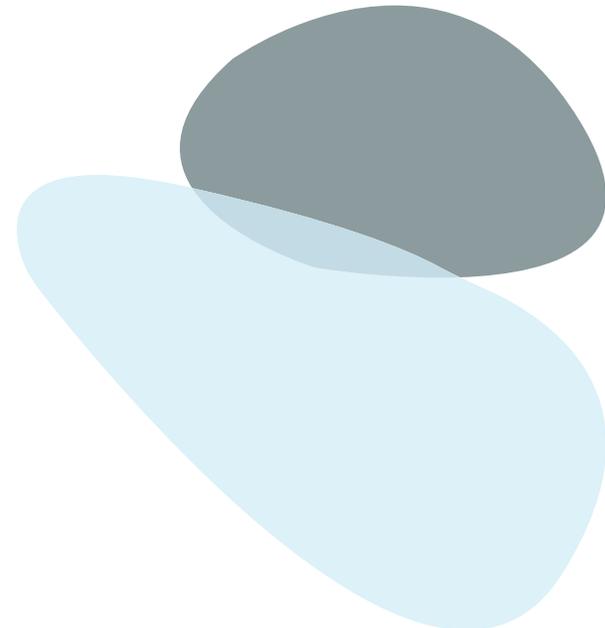
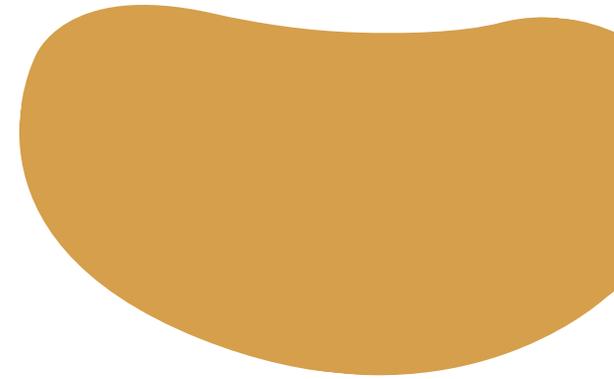
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* Consider watching this illustrated 9 minute video on RightNow Media which gives an overview of Galatians: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/231125>



WEEK 2

Connect Small

GALATIANS 1:11-24

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 2

LET'S TALK

When you introduce yourself to others, what information do you choose to share? What gives you identity?

For many of us, change has negative connotations. What is a big change that made your life better?

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 1:11-24 in two different translations.

Share a learning from your Walk with Jesus time.

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

Why do you think God chose Saul (who later became Paul), an enemy of Christians to become a follower? What does this say about God? What does this say about us?

Given the message that Paul is about to share about the futility of legalism, why might his reminder about "who he used to be" be significant?

Paul reestablishes authority saying he got this message directly from the source; it's not something he heard second or third hand, it's not a belief he has blindly adopted based on tradition. He takes pains to point out that he has not colluded with others to craft a message. By verse 20 he

emphatically announces he is telling the absolute truth.

Why do you think it is so important for Paul to continually attest to his authority/jurisdiction like this?

What made Saul zealously persecute Christians? Are there examples of this in Canada right now?

LET'S APPLY

Many Christians feel hesitant to share the gospel or serve because of what they've done in the past, yet Paul immediately started traveling and preaching. Does this example encourage you? Is there anything in your past hindering the urgency of sharing the gospel? Will you ask God to forgive you of those specific actions, and to reveal to you your new identity in Christ?

Your story is a part of God's bigger story. Take time to jot down your story. Paul summarizes his miraculous testimony in just fourteen verses. You too can be brief, be logical and be humble. Like Paul, tell what happened before you came to Christ, precisely how you came to Christ, and then how your life changed after coming to Christ.

LET'S PRAY

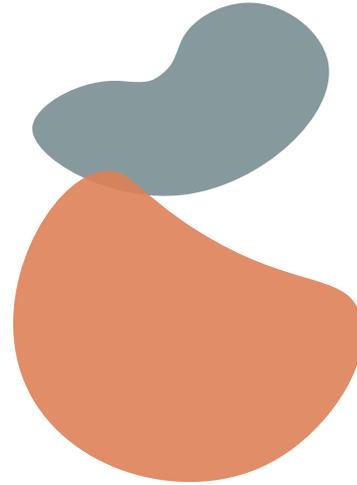
Pray that God will bring you somebody with whom to share your testimony this week.

Pray that God would bring hindrances to sharing the gospel to mind so that you can pray about them and discuss them with a trusted believer.

WEEK 2

Walk With Jesus

A 5 step personal devotion plan, with a suggested timeframe.



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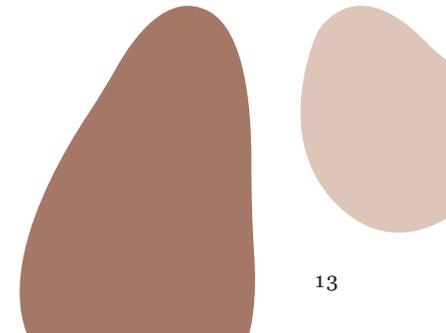
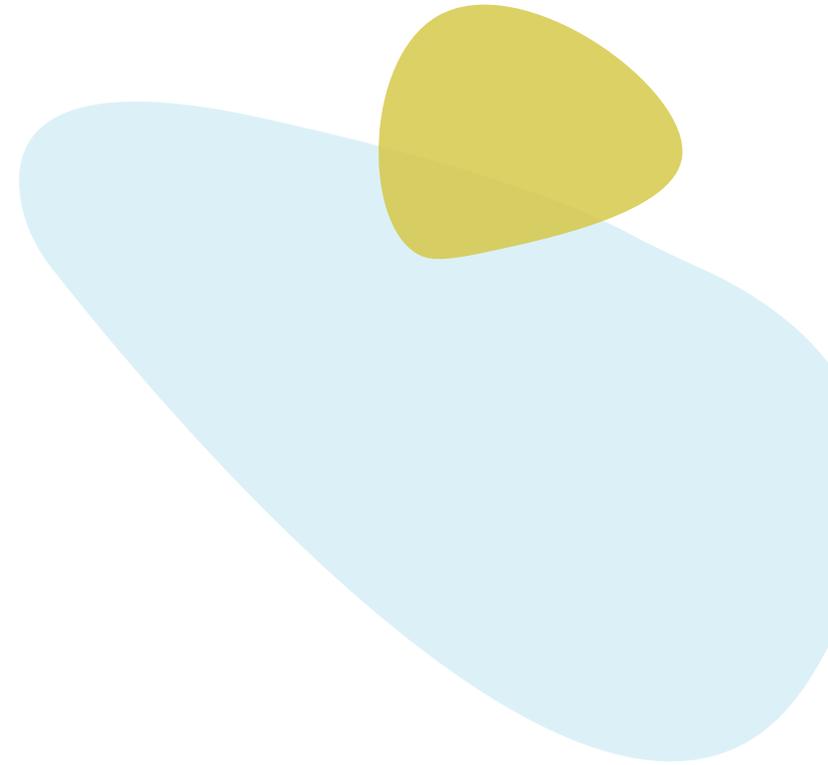
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WEEK 3

Connect Small

GALATIANS 2:1-10

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 3

LET'S TALK

What are some groups or places in which you have experienced a strong sense of community? What made it easy to connect?

Are you easily impressed by appearances? Think of a time when you purchased something because you were taken in by its appearance or a similarly external quality. How did that turn out?

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 2:1-10 in two different translations.

Share a learning from your Walk with Jesus time.

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

Who had Paul consulted regarding his ministry to the Gentiles?

Verse 4 mentions spies infiltrating the church. How did Paul react to the false brothers?

Why is remembering the poor fundamental to Christian unity?

Once again in chapter 2 Paul is very concerned with ensuring the purity of his message. How does this impact your level of confidence? And prepare you to receive the rest of his message?

LET'S APPLY

The apostles agreed that they should preach to one group, and that Paul and Barnabas should preach to another. Have you ever felt called to reach one group of people specifically? Is there a group of people that you feel particularly equipped to serve?

Consider Paul's strategy to meet with key stakeholders in advance and in private to ensure the success of his mission (v. 3). What might that strategy look like for you at work? At home?

Paul was commissioned by Peter, James and John to remember the poor. In what ways do you remember the poor?

Are there ethnic tensions you have noticed at church? As we grow and diversify as a church, what can be done to ensure that all feel welcome, to avoid complicating our critical message?

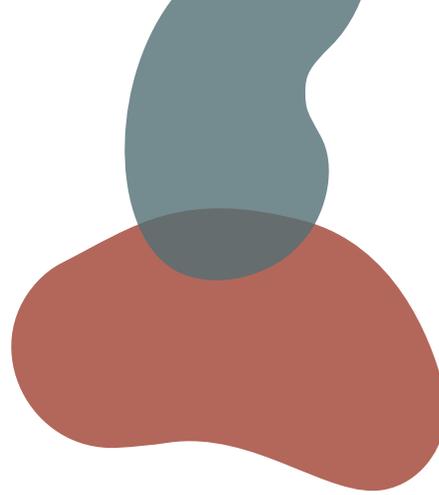
LET'S PRAY

Ask God to bring unity to our church and the churches in our community. Pray your group grows closer and is united in purpose.

WEEK 3

Walk With Jesus

A 5 step personal devotion plan, with a suggested timeframe.



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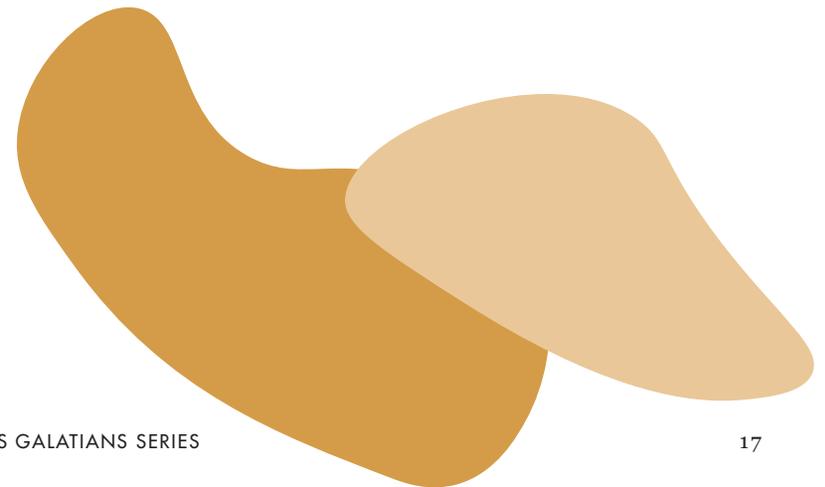
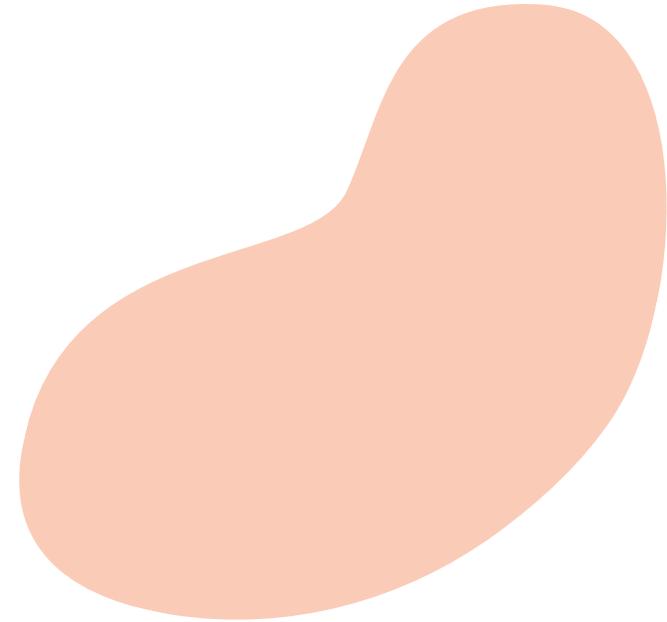
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WEEK 4

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GALATIANS 2:11-23

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 4

LET'S TALK

What is your greatest accomplishment or success in the last 10 years?

In this section we find Paul keeping Peter accountable for his behaviour. Who keeps you accountable?

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 2:11-23 in two different translations.

Share a learning from your Walk with Jesus time.

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

In the NIV version of this text, Peter is referred to as Cephas. Cephas means rock or stone in Aramaic, just as petra does in Greek. What is the significance/purpose to his name change (Matthew 16:18-19)?

What caused Paul to oppose Peter?

How would you explain the difference between being moral and being a Christian to someone who thinks being good makes them acceptable to God?

How might living for God look different than living for the law?

Can you think of Old Testament examples of where God's people failed at rule-keeping?

LET'S APPLY

Paul was not angry at Peter because of what he ate, but because he turned his back on other believers for the sake of his reputation/avoiding criticism. Have you seen this happen before? How can you avoid these pitfalls and build unity in the church?

Have you acted like Peter? Do you behave differently in front of different people?

Verse 16 says "no human can please God by self improvement." Do you feel relief when you read something like this? Why?

Verse 20 in The Message translation reads, "My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God."

Reflect for a moment on the freedom that is available to us as Christ followers when we truly understand and believe that we do not need to impress others or God. How would this change things for you?

LET'S PRAY

Thank the Lord for the gift of salvation and that his love for us is not dependant on our actions.

Pray also for unity among believers in the church. Pray against division over culture, race, economic class, theological background, and any other difference.

WEEK 4

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FULL ACCESS

WEEK 5

Connect Small

GALATIANS 3:1-18

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 5

LET'S TALK

In what area of your life do you get the most reward for your hard work? Your job? Your parenting? Your physical fitness? In what area do you get the least amount of return?

Think of a time when you had to learn a lesson the hard way, or something you heard a thousand times before it actually made sense to you.

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 3:1-18 in two different translations.

Share a learning from your Walk with Jesus time.

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

What is it that Paul is questioning in verse 1-5?

In chapter 3 Paul makes references to the Old Testament. What effect do Old Testament references have on your understanding of the New Testament?

Verse 12 in The Message translation reads, "Doing things for God is the opposite of entering into what God does for you." Read that sentence several times and reflect on that paradigm shift.

Paul intentionally over-communicates his main idea that we're cursed, and that we are saved by faith alone. How many times in this section can you find this message?

LET'S APPLY

Have there been times in your life when you have begun to think your performance counts towards your salvation? What caused you to think this way?

Do you ever feel guilty or insecure in your relationship with God? What might this be telling you about how you view your acceptance with Him?

Rule-keeping perpetuates more rule-keeping. In what areas of your life do you feel exhausted by trying to meet the expectations of others? Is there a way to apply the freedom of Paul's message to these areas of your life now?

LET'S PRAY

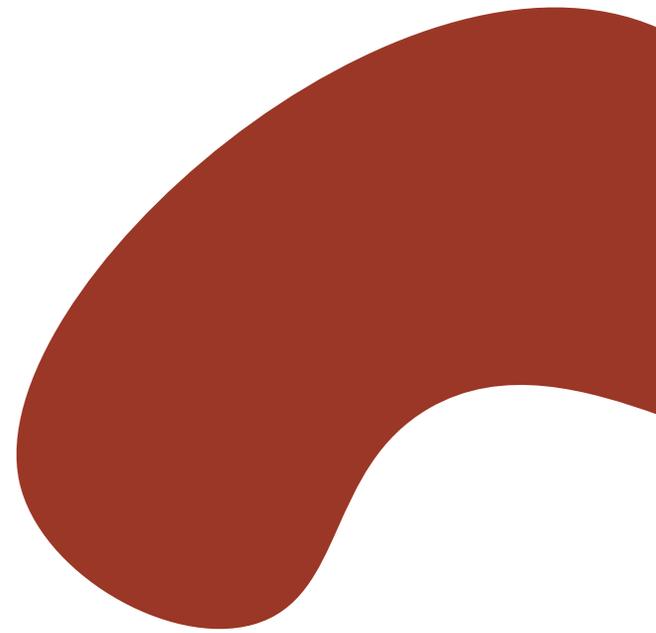
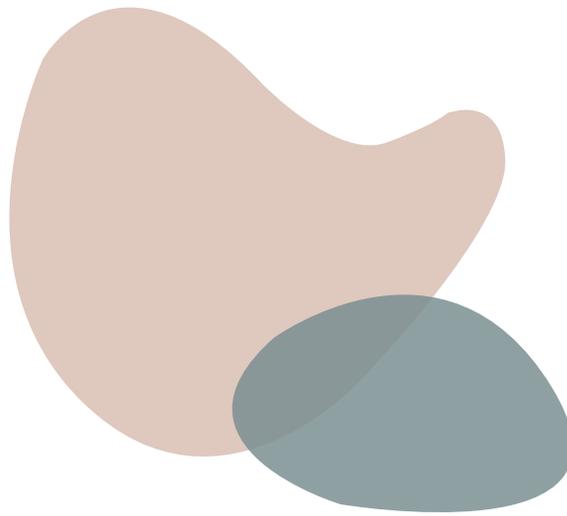
Pray that everyone in your group would better understand freedom from the law.

Pray that they would live out good works as a response to God's love and not as a means to earn it.

WEEK 5

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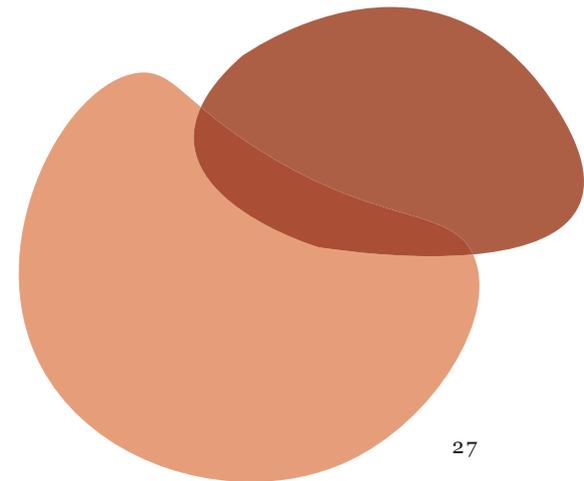
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WEEK 6

Connect Small

GALATIANS 3:19-29

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 6

LET'S TALK

Have you ever had a hard time following rules? Have you ever been in a position where you felt that you couldn't follow the rules fully, even if you wanted to?

How much of a rule-follower are you?

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 3:19-29 in two different translations.

Share a learning from your Walk with Jesus time.

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

For what reason did Paul say the law exists?

What punishment does your sinful nature deserve?

Why can't works set you free from your sinful nature?

The role of a mediator is to bring two opposing sides together. How did the law do this, and how has Jesus done this?

In this section of Chapter 3 Paul uses an extended analogy of a child maturing into an adult to describe what our faith progression should resemble. The "law" served a purpose early in our faith, clear cut guidelines

to keep us on the right track. Jesus does not negate the law, He replaces it. Just as removing training wheels from a child's bike does not change the bike, but increases the bike's efficiency, so too does replacing the rule-keeping system with Jesus' gift of salvation, increase our efficiency; we get to be in direct communication with God now. Share what it means to you to be able to communicate directly with God.

LET'S APPLY

If we are always saved only by Christ's performance and not our own, why do you strive to live a holy life?

Verse 28 says, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." In what practical ways can we demonstrate this message of unity in our church?

What barriers divide people in the area where you live? How are these broken down within your church?

Consider the following quote from Augustine: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." Are there aspects of the "law" that you have held onto tightly that you may now be willing to relax your hold on?

What would your life look like if you were under the law? What does it look like now that you are under grace? Does contrasting these two thoughts help you to appreciate the gift of salvation?

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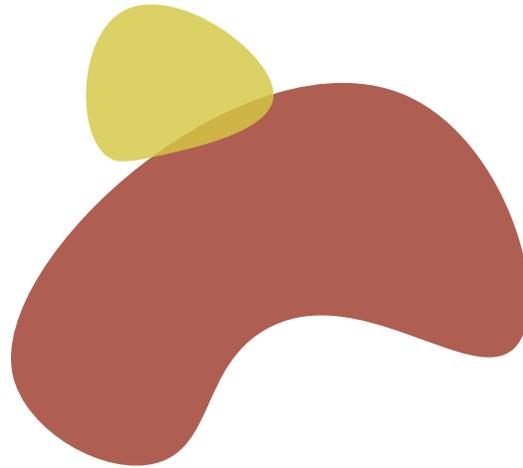
Ask God to reveal what aspects of "religion" or the law that you may need to let go of.

Pray that as a church body we would embody the message of unity found in the Gospel.

WEEK 6

Walk With Jesus

A 5 step personal devotion plan, with a suggested timeframe.



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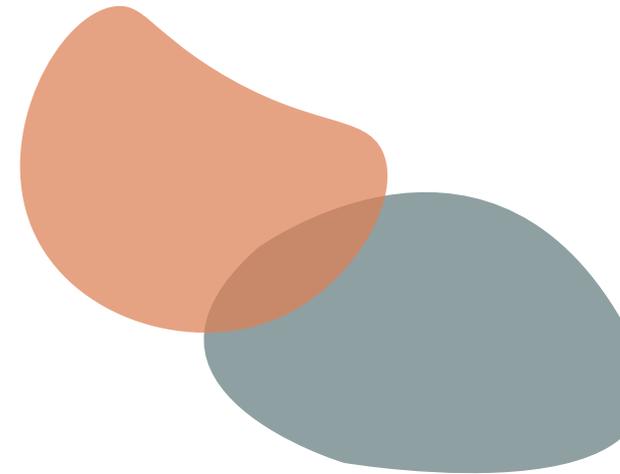
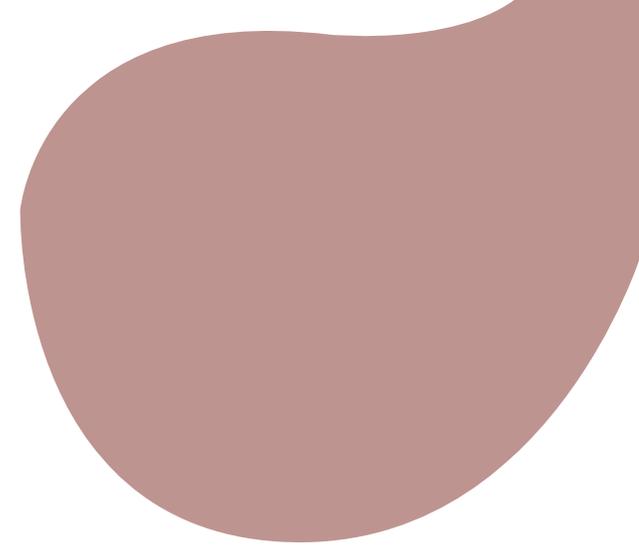
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WEEK 7

Connect Small

GALATIANS 4:1-20

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 7

LET'S TALK

How do you feel about inheritance? Those who have inherited money, belongings etc, how did you feel about receiving it?

In Galatians 4, it teaches that we are born as slaves under the ways of the world. What were you like before you became a Christian? Share from your experience one way you lived in bondage in this world.

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 4:1-20 in two different translations.

Share a learning from your Walk with Jesus time.

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

How does Christ transfer his status as a son to us?

In this section Paul uses the language of slavery and freedom. Reread some of these references. How comfortable are you with the idea of being "enslaved" to Christ?

As you reread this section, where does Paul's frustration with the Galatians really jump off the page for you?

LET'S APPLY

What part of your inheritance as a child of God excites you the most?

Like the Galatians, have you slipped back into any bad habits or old ways from which Christ once delivered you?

How can your group support you to get back on the path God wants for you?

In verse 19 the term "until Christ is formed in you" means that Paul is waiting for their hearts to be formed like Christ. What can we do to be conformed to the image of Christ?

LET'S PRAY

Thank God for the gift of His Son Jesus, making it possible for you to be adopted as a child of God, free from the bondage of sin.

Confess sins to one another. Ask God to form the image of Christ in us, and for his Spirit to empower you to live holy lives.

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WEEK 8

Connect Small

GALATIANS 4:21-28

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 8

LET'S TALK

This section of Paul's letter to the Galatians is almost entirely referring to Old Testament events. How comfortable are you reading the Old Testament compared to the New Testament?

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 4:21-28 in two different translations.

Share a learning from your Walk with Jesus time.

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

In Paul's illustration, Hagar and Sarah represent the old and new covenants. What contrasts do you identify between the law and grace.

Paul rhetorically asks those who want to live under the law if they even understand it. Why does he ask this?

LET'S APPLY

Abraham decided to rely on himself to make God's promises come to pass. Have you ever done something similar? What were the results?

When have you seen God do what seems impossible in your own life or in the lives of those around you?

In this section of chapter 4, Paul reminds us of the example of Abraham who had a son with Hagar by the flesh and one with Sarah by the Spirit. He emphasizes the difference in the results. In what areas of your life do you still rely on your own strength to get things done?

Do you truly believe that you are free? Or do you still feel like a slave?

LET'S PRAY

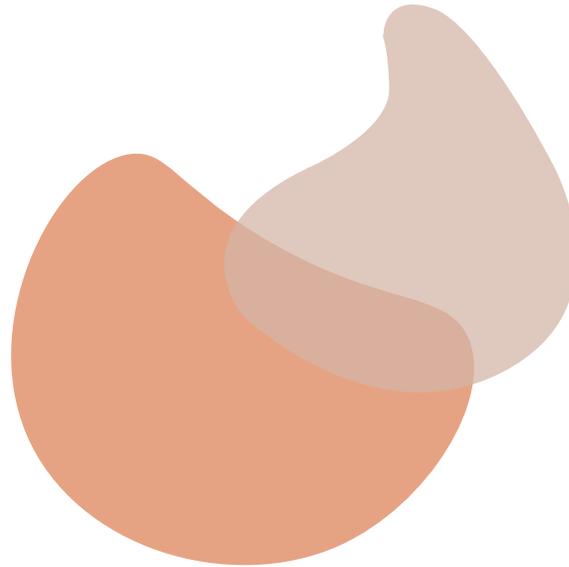
Pray the Holy Spirit will help you to embrace your freedom.

Ask God to teach the group what it looks like to live under grace and not under the law

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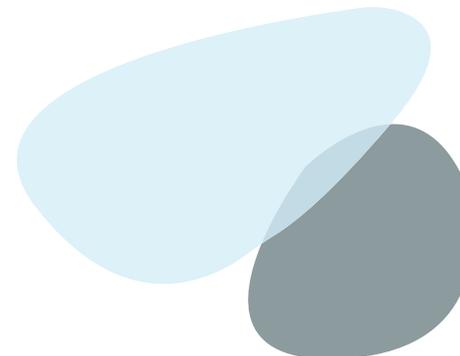
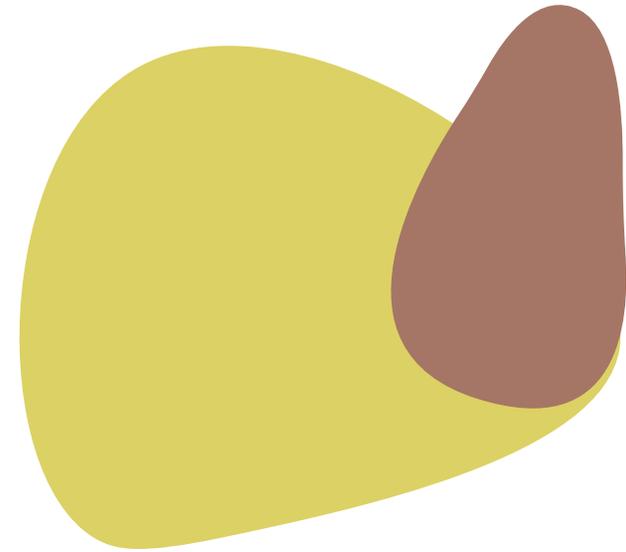
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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

WEEK 9

Connect Small

GALATIANS 5:1-15

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LET'S TALK

Paul uses the metaphor of a runner who ends up on the wrong path. How often do you lose your direction, realize you're off God's path?

In verses 8-10, Paul acknowledges that temptation and falling away from the path are not from God, and that the one behind it will pay the penalty. Does it comfort you to know that God is actively against darkness that attempts to harm us?

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 5:1-15 in two different translations.

Share a learning from your Walk with Jesus time.

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

What does Paul instruct his readers in verse 1, to do?

Chapter 5 begins with an ardent exclamation, "do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." However, in Matthew 11:30 Jesus says, "my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Wrestle with this apparent contradiction for a few minutes. What do you make of it?

In verse 6, Paul said circumcision really didn't matter one way or the other. What did he say was the only thing that mattered as we "eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness"?

In this section Paul goes so far as to say that he wishes those pushing circumcision would go all the way and castrate themselves! How often are you shocked by the boldness of the Bible? Why might Paul be speaking so emotionally?

LET'S APPLY

Paul says Christians can base their lives on the assurance of their present and future acceptance by God. How much of a difference does your certain future hope make to your life now?

What strategies do you have for dealing with agitators?

Paul's message continues to evolve and build in this section. In previous chapters he establishes firmly that we cannot earn our salvation through vain attempts at rule-keeping, that we are saved through faith alone. Paul then goes on to add that if we have truly embraced this freedom, it will be evident in our lives. We should use our freedom to love and serve others. Brainstorm as a group concrete ways that you could love and serve others. Commit to doing one of the acts of service this week.

LET'S PRAY

Pray you can love others as much as you love yourself.

Pray that each other's faith is evident to non-believers because of the love that you have for them.

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WEEK 10

Connect Small

GALATIANS 5:16-26

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LET'S TALK

Recall a time when you felt imprisoned by an unfulfilling job, a debt, a habit, an illness. How did you become free from that situation? How would you describe the sense of freedom you experienced at that time?

In this section, Paul describes a reality that all of us are familiar with: being caught between our selfish desires and what we know is right for ourselves and others. Think of a time this week that you felt this tension.

LET'S STUDY

Read Galatians 5:16-26 in two different translations.

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How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

What does it mean to “crucify the flesh”? How can we do this practically and on a daily basis?

What are some other passages of scripture that describe these acts of the flesh? Why are these actions not of the spirit?

LET'S APPLY

Which of the works of the sinful nature do you see in your life?

Verse 20 in The Message translation describes one of the sins as “the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival.” To what extent is this true for you? With colleagues? Other drivers on the 401? Those you perceive as more active in the church?

Paul writes that the works of the flesh are obvious, but there are many listed here that we make excuses for. Have you ever made excuses for these sins in your life, or the lives of your loved ones? Have you experienced consequences as a result of that?

Which of the fruits of the Spirit listed in verses 22-23 (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) do you have in the greatest supply? Which are you most in need of cultivating?

Do you have natural characteristics which could be confused with the fruit of the Spirit?

According to verse 24 what happens to the sinful nature for those who belong to Christ?

Verse 26 ends with an invitation to avoid comparing ourselves to others. How susceptible are you to this unfortunate habit?

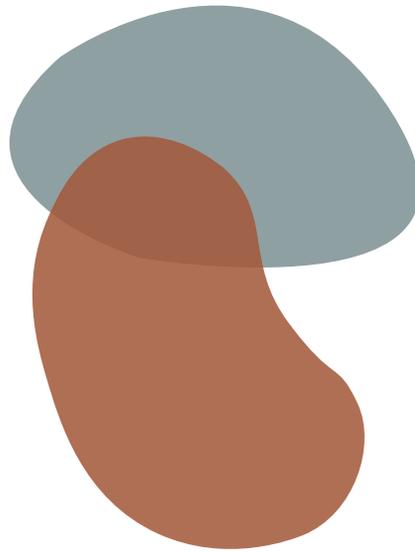
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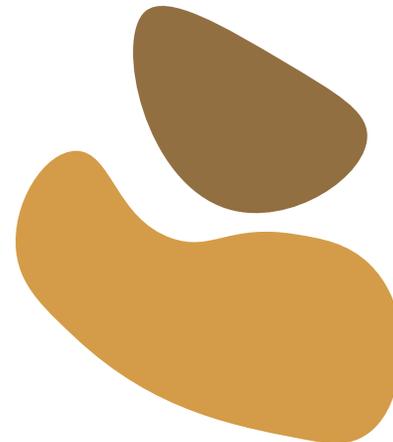
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BLESS THE PEOPLE

WEEK 11

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GALATIANS 6

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LET'S TALK

Did you do anything this week to help lighten the burdens of another?

Have you ever been caught in a cycle of sin and needed help being restored? How did others help you?

LET'S STUDY

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How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

How should we restore a Christian caught in sin? How do we do this in a loving and not in a condemning manner?

What do you think it means when in verse 4 it says that "each one should test their own actions?" (NIV) What could this look like in your life?

Does the idea that we reap what we sow, that God sees our hearts and motives, encourage or frighten you?

What did Paul say the false teachers were motivated by (verses 12-13)?

Why do you think circumcision played such a prominent role in this conflict? Paul focuses on this, as opposed to honouring the Sabbath, or eating kosher, or other issues for example.

LET'S APPLY

Ask the Spirit to examine your heart. Are there any areas in which you are boasting in your own efforts and not in the work of Jesus on the cross?

How can we do good as a group? What seeds do we need to plant in order to make a difference in our lives and in our community?

In the last verses of this book of The Bible, Paul says he is writing in "large letters." Let's say this is like someone texting you in all caps, a convention we've associated with yelling. He's absolutely desperate for the Galatians not to miss this message: it's not about what we do, it's about entering in to what God is doing for and through us. Have you heard him "shouting" this message to you?

What are your lasting impressions having studied Paul's letter to the Galatians?

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