

Galatians 1:11-24

“The gospel shapes people, not the other way around.”

Paul defends the source, authority, and power of the gospel by:

_____.

TABLE DISCUSSION (RECAP):

1. What is Paul shocked by in verse 6? Where does URGENCY begin in this book?
2. What is the ACTUAL problem in verse 7?
3. What does Paul say about ANYONE who claims a different gospel in verses 8 and 9?
4. Why does Paul speak so STRONGLY according to verse 10?

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A Rare Biblical Occurrence: _____'s _____.

Acts 9, 22, 26

1 Cor 15:8-10

Phil 3:4-9

1 Timothy 1:12-16

What makes this Galatians account *rare*?

_____.

The Source (v. 11-12)

Paul's gospel came from _____, not from _____.

TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. Does this mean dialogue doesn't matter? What is the value of Christian teaching?
2. What is the danger of a "Jesus + ____" gospel? Even if that 'blank' may be good?

The Story (v. 13-17)

A Sound Story forms Strong Theology

- Paul's _____
- God's _____
- Paul's (new) _____

Paul's authority comes from _____, not training.

TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. What stands out about *God's role* versus Paul's role in this conversion story? What words are associated with Paul's actions, and are there any for God's actions in the life of Paul Saul? (Take time together to Observe, and Interpret the text)

The Strategy (v. 18-24)

Key phrase:

"They glorified God because of me" (v. 24) [[NOT "due to me." But "despite me."]]

God got glory. The ULTIMATE METRIC for the Christian life. Did _____? _____?

FINAL TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. What balance do you see between independence and accountability in Paul's story? What can we learn about his balance of boldness and humility.

Paul's Story Teaches Us:

- The gospel originates with _____.
- _____ precedes obedience
- _____ authenticates truth
- The gospel creates _____ without uniformity

FINAL QUESTION OPEN-FLOOR:

How does learning Paul's story sharpen our understanding of "Grace at Work" in the Christian life? (We are assuming this is exactly what happens to Galatia!)