



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

3 JUNE

GALATIANS: THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements.

MAIN TEXT: Galatians 2:1-10

1 Fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. 2 I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain. 3 Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. 4 This matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. 5 We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.

6 As for those who seemed to be important--whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not judge by external appearance--those men added nothing to my message. 7 On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had been to the Jews. 8 For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles. 9 James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognised the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. 10 All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

B.L.E.S.S. means: Begin with Prayer, Listen with care Eat together, Serve with love, Share Stories. For more info see westminsterchapel.org.uk/bless.

GETTING STARTED

We want to develop and strengthen a healthy culture of encouragement at Chapel, so each week we'll start our LG's by sharing something we want to thank God for: an encouraging thing He's doing in our lives, or in the lives of others. How has your prayer life and walk with God been impacted by the Expectant Prayer series and recent gatherings? What ways have you been able to B.L.E.S.S.* those around you in recent weeks?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Draw a timeline of the events Paul describes from 1:13-2:10 and discuss the significance of the events that Paul mentions. What is he trying to prove by doing this?
2. It is unlikely that 'run my race in vain' means that Paul thought he was wrong. Commentators agree that he is more concerned about having doctrinal and practical unity (what they believe and what they do) with the other Apostles. Why was that so important for them then and for us now?
 - 2b. Is unity more important than truth or do the two come hand in hand?
3. Why is it so important for them and for us that Titus was not circumcised?
4. Look at verse 4. What ways can people 'make us slaves'?
5. What does it mean to say that the truth of the gospel sets us free? Give examples of how you've experienced God's truth in your own life and how it has led to greater freedom.
6. Verse 7 says that Paul and Peter were both entrusted with the gospel to share with others. Who are the people that you have been entrusted to share it with?

NEXT STEPS & PRAYER

Thank God that He has revealed His truth to us, and praise Him for how it has transformed our lives.

Pray that God would graciously grant us all greater revelation of His truth.

Pray that God would open opportunities for us to tell others about this amazing truth.

COMING UP

Equip Academy – P&P | 6 May-17 Jun
Belonging | 3 June
Prayer Meeting | 20 June
Summer of Fun | 1- 29 July
ATOM & Street Party | 6-8 July