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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

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Series Title: Jesus Plus Nothing Equals Everything

Message Title: The Gospel vs. Legalism

Scripture: Galatians 2:1-10 [ESV]

2 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the Gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. 3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. 4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— 5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the Gospel might be preserved for you. 6 And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. 7 On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the Gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the Gospel to the circumcised 8 (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), 9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Points of Consideration:

- Paul's Companions were Not Compelled to be Circumcised (v. 3)
- Paul and His Companions did not Cave to Pressure (vs. 4-5)
- Paul the the "Pillars" stood on Common Ground (vs. 6-9)
- Paul and His Companions followed into Christian Duty (v. 10)

Discussion Questions:

The Gospel frees us from the demands of the law for salvation. Consider Ephesians 2:8-10. What role do good works play in our walk as followers of Christ? How might we be brought into slavery through good works?

Paul proclaims the liberty found by being freed by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. As former slaves to sin, how can we stand (privately) to the temptation to add works to the Gospel? How can we stand (publicly) to encourage others to abandon works-based salvation and trust Christ's work on our behalf?

The Gospel is the great equalizer. Our individual failures and success are, in some sense, irrelevant at the foot of the cross. One consequence of works-based salvation is the way we treat other image-bearers. We tend to favor those who are "good" in our eyes and disfavor those who are "bad" in our eyes. How does the Gospel shape how we see others and their need for the Gospel? How does the Gospel shape the way we see ourselves?

Prayer Guide for Tribes

You Turn Ministries

- PRAISE NOTE: Two weeks ago, new believers from the Mitundu area of Malawi came together for a baptismal service...300 people were baptized!
- You Turn's Malawi staff are preparing for 8 mission teams over the next 12 weeks. Pray for the Lord to go before them to do a great work in the lives of lost villagers who have yet to hear the Gospel, to be with the team members as they faithfully share, to bless the new churches that will be planted, and to bring about an eternal impact on US church partners as they serve alongside You Turn.
- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer league as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.
 - o Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!
 - o Pray for the end-of-the-year tournament in June. The Gospel will be preached in an actual stadium filled with hundreds, and potentially even thousands, of people!
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years. A school in Chipata, Zambia is hosting their first graduation June 1st with a class of 38 students!
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn supports as they finish their last few weeks of school for the year and take very important exams. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!
- You Turn is in the process of harvesting soy beans and peanuts at their farm. Pray for a great harvest and subsequent sale to provide resources to feed more orphans.

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
 - o We are currently working with area missionaries in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association to plant a Hispanic church in our facilities here at Fusion! Be in prayer for a planter to be raised up and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Walton County Church Plant
 - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED!- The Weymouth Parish of Life Community Church officially launched Easter Sunday! We praise God to see the plan for this parish come to fruition after this year-long launch process
- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do

and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.

- Recovering community- God is at work in Weymouth! LCC is experiencing radical life change in its members. They are surrounded by a massive community of addicts undergoing rehabilitation and recovery, and many of these individuals are finding healing at the foot of the cross! Pray specifically for Jake, Eric, Lucas, and Derek. These men found Christ in recovery and are leaders in this parish, passionately pursuing intimacy in their walk. Also pray for Kevin, a man who was saved just two weeks ago! He is still in recovery and is surrounded by men battling addiction, and he needs your prayer for strength and resilience.
- **Mobilize 2022- Fusion is planning a mission trip to Weymouth the week of July 18th-24th. In the meantime, encourage prayer over the trip: for safety, gospel conversations, or opportunities to further the work of LCC in the Boston area!**

Source of Light Ministries

- SOL started a new branch in Costa Rica. The team in Costa Rica will distribute discipleship courses throughout the country and seek ways to share the Gospel with lost people.
- Four missionaries with SOL went through a support-raising course and are actively raising support. Those missionaries are Brian Thigpen, Bruce Dare, Johnathan Wideman, and Ben Doomy. Pray that God would supply the needed funds for their ministries.
- Ukraine- SOL is running a relief initiative for Ukrainian refugees. Many of these refugees are fleeing into Romania, where SOL is funding a local church that has a summer camp facility. The church is providing housing, food, diapers, beds, clothing and transportation, and information. Pray for these fundraising efforts!
- SOL also just held trainings for directors for three new branches starting in Spain, Mexico, and Peru. Pray for these branches as they distribute discipleship courses and bring the Gospel to lost people.
- New courses- SOL is currently writing new discipleship courses for children! All of their coursework is used worldwide, so praise God for the opportunity for these new materials to open doors for children all over the world to be raised in the knowledge of God!

FCA

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5 county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!
- Pray for FCA camps coming up this summer, and talk to Jason or Traci if you're interested in serving, giving, or signing up!
- Please pray for Captain's Camp at Young Harris College June 1-3. Coach McBay will be serving as the Assistant Director.

On June 1st, Fusion will be hosting a Summer Kickoff Cookout at the MCRD Soccer Complex. Encourage members of your tribe to come with their families and fellowship with us!

Also consider planning times of fellowship this summer that you can enjoy with your tribe!

