



# FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

April 24, 2022

Series Title: Jesus Plus Nothing

Message Title: Week 1

Scripture: Galatians 1:1-5 [ESV]

Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— 2 and all the brothers[a] who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Points of Consideration:

The Messenger (vs. 1-2)

- Paul's Apostleship
- Paul's Authority
- Paul's Association

The Message (vs. 3-4)

- The Nature of the Gospel
- The Object of the Gospel
- The Source of the Gospel

The Motive (v. 5)

- The Glory of God Alone

Discussion Questions:

One mark of apostolic authority is having been taught directly by Jesus. Paul emphasizes that his message is not from/nor through man, but through Jesus Christ throughout Galatians. Though authoritative, Paul also exhibited humility by verifying his message with the "Pillars" of the faith (Gal 2:9). Though we do not have apostolic authority, what can we learn from Paul's confidence and humility when sharing the Gospel with the lost? Who is (and what event is) the backing authority of the Gospel?

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Paul distills the Gospel into very simple and powerful terms in verses three and four. Take a moment to discuss each word individually in the following Gospel statement:

"Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father."

In what ways do we tend to complicate this message by adding to it?

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The first question of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* is, "What is the chief end of man?" How might you answer this question? How does the Catechism answer this question? How can we live each moment in an effort to fulfill our chief end?

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# Prayer Guide for Tribes

## 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. Please push this trip in your Tribes! Signup deadline is May 1st. In the meantime, encourage prayer for them to consider attending as well as prayer over the trip, be it safety, gospel conversations, or opportunities to further the work of LCC.**
  - o <https://lifecommunity.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/351/responses/new>

## 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

- 5 souls were saved this past week at the EveryHeart worship night event and FCA Kickball (G.A.P.). Pray for them as they start their journey with Christ!
- FCA will be holding a Fields of Faith event at LOA on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Gospel will be preached and an invitation will be given. Pray for people to come and for souls to be saved!
- 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!