

## MESSAGE NOTES

Galatians 6:11-18

1. Everyone boasts in something  
(Galatians 6:11-13)
2. Only one boast is safe  
(Galatians 6:14-18)

## STUDY GUIDE

### Reference:

Open in prayer and read Galatians 6:11-18.  
Tim Keller book: *Galatians for You*, Pages 180-185

**Review:** What was one thing from this week's message, or scripture reference, that stood out to you?

### Reflect:

1. The modern cliché, "the ground is level at the foot of the cross," is an echo of Paul's words that our status and our good works are meaningless as an attempt to earn God's approval. How does the gospel break down the barriers our self-righteousness creates?
2. The word "boast" in this context means to have an unusually high degree of confidence in something, or to revel in something. With all that Paul has said to the Galatians in this letter, why do you think he would choose to close his letter with this statement?

3. Why is the cross so central to Paul's theology? How central is the cross to the way you live out your own faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. As people who are created for relationship, it seems natural that we would desire the approval of others. When does that desire become a problem for us? How does the gospel rescue us from the improper desire for approval?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How do you understand Paul's statement that because of the cross, the world is dead to him? How can the cross free us from the tyranny of "good works" religion?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How is your life different because of the things you have learned in our study of Galatians?

**Respond/Reinforce:**

Take a moment this week to read through Galatians again, from beginning to end, in one sitting. Afterward, meditate on what your primary "takeaway" was from our study of Galatians.