

BIBLE / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Galatians 1:10 - People pleaser or God pleaser? You be the judge.
2. Paul is repeating a theme that started in Galatians 1:1 because motives are important (sent not from men nor by man). Paul wants to reveal his motive. It's clearly not to please people, but to please God (bring Him pleasure). How do you 'stoke' your God-pleasing desire and actions?
3. Read 1:11-12 - Paul continues revealing the source of his Gospel message with a huge confession. He didn't make this up (a man made concoction); Jesus gave it to him directly (revelation). Paul is now passing on this revelation to us. What should we do with this message now? How does knowing the source (divine rather than human) change our response?
4. Read 1:13-17 - Paul reveals the "before" and "after" of his personal journey with the Gospel. His personal encounter with the grace of Jesus forever changed the direction of his life. This encounter was not of human origin but a divine appointment. What is your "before" and "after" story? When was your last divine appointment?
5. Read 1:18-24 - Paul shares that even though he is on the same page with the other apostles, the message was not a result of human collaboration. Paul says he was "personally unknown," what does he mean by this? Paul's conversion was stronger than his reputation; is that how others think of us too? How can we get out of the way more?

LIFE QUESTIONS

6. When it comes to following Christ, how much do you worry about the disapproval of others?
7. What is it about the gospel that so clearly reveals that it did not originate from human thoughts? In other words, what makes the good news about grace through Jesus so obviously divine in nature?
8. Paul's life loudly proclaimed the gospel as miraculous and divine. In your own life, what demonstrates the power of God's grace?
9. How confident are you that the gospel of Jesus (His life, death, resurrection and forgiveness) is true and from God? How confident are you in sharing the gospel with others?
10. Pray for one another. Pray that each of us will grow in our confidence in the authority and the power of the gospel.

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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

JESUS + NOTHING

Judaizers – A group within the early church who presented themselves as Christian, but wrongly blended faith in Christ with the practice of the Jewish law. (Judaism is the practice of the Jewish religion.) To gain salvation, they wrongly taught that a person must not only have faith in Jesus as Savior, but must also keep the practice of circumcision, the Jewish festivals and other Jewish traditions. They often are called legalists. Paul called them, "false brothers" and "agitators." In Galatia, they are highjacking the gospel and turning the message of grace into a system of rules; therefore, Paul waned them to be "eternally condemned."

The Gospel – God's Good News to people (not a man-made message about God)

