



GALATIANS

DEEPLY ROOTED FREEDOM

GALATIANS 1:6-10

GETTING STARTED...

There are a lot of different religions out there, how do we know that Christianity is correct? There are a lot of different denominations out there, a lot of different churches out there, is ours the only one that is right? The gospel of Jesus is both inclusive and exclusive at the same time. The gospel is open for anyone who believes and yet we are not open to change it. Paul as he is writing to the Galatians reminds them that no one, even himself, is allowed to tamper with the message of the gospel. There is a strong consequence for those who do and so Paul calls them away from following the opinions of others and seeking to honour God. We are called in the same way to protect our understanding of the gospel in seeking to glorify God.

READ THE TEXT: GALATIANS 1:6-10

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. What has happened in the churches of Galatia for Paul to be so upset with them? See Gal 5:2-4. How does that constitute a “different gospel”?
2. How were the Galatians tempted to please others around them instead of God?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been impressing on your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. Consider Romans 14:5, 2 Corinthians 9:7, 1 Corinthians 15:3, and our passage. How would explain the differences in Paul's attitude between these passages? How does this help us recognize where disagreement can be overcome and where it needs to be rejected? How can we do that graciously?
6. What are areas in life where you find yourself tempted to seek the approval of others? How can you avoid and fight that temptation?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God**.

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*“Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.” - Psalm 111:2*