



Galatians 2:1-10

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

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Galatians: True Gospel. True Freedom

For the week of July 8th, 2018

WELCOME

In Galatians 1:11-2:10, Paul tells his story. He shares about his conversion experience as well as a few other formative situations in his life and ministry. Would two people in your group be willing to share about their conversion as well as 2-3 of the other most formative experiences in their life? (Group leader: be ready to go first if no one else volunteers immediately. Also, encourage your group to listen well and be ready to comment or ask questions after the person/s are done sharing)

WORD

1. In Galatians, Paul is arguing that we ought not impose man-made standards onto the gospel of salvation through faith in Christ alone. Have you experience man-made standards being imposed on you? What man-made standards might you be vulnerable to imposing on others?
2. In 1:11-24 Paul emphasizes his independence from the apostles. In 2:1-10 how did he also show his solidarity with them? Why was this important?
3. Verse 5 talks about Paul "not yielding" and taking a stand. We normally think of "taking a stand" as something we do when someone is trying to lead us into immoral behavior. However, Paul is taking a hard line against people who thought that they were super-moral. Why did the Judaizers consider themselves better than others?
4. In verse 6, Paul says that "God does not judge by external appearances." What message(s) should we take from that statement? Give examples of how that message is or is not reinforced in our society.
5. In verses 7-9, Paul talks about receiving the right hand of fellowship from the apostles. They agreed that Paul would take the gospel to the Gentiles while Peter was taking it to the Jews. This is what Pastor Jason called an expression of gospel-partnership. Can you think of any modern examples of gospel partnerships? What are the benefits of it? What might it look like for UBC to become a church that more fully embraced gospel partnerships?
6. In verse 10, Paul shares that the early apostles called him to remember the poor. How is our attitude toward the poor related to the gospel?

PRAYER

1. Pray for UBC to be a church that embraces the one, true gospel. Pray that we would stand firm for it amid a culture that is increasingly against it.
2. Pray that the Lord would give us both opportunity and courage to tell the story of his transformative work in our lives.

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.

3. Pray for God to move powerfully in the hearts of our youth as the UBC student ministry heads out to summer camp this week.
4. Pray for the many in our church body who are physically hurting (Luna Gonzales - leukemia; Dave Lewis - upcoming shoulder surgery; Kim Patterson - cancer; Tess Soine - recovery from spinal surgery; and many others)

REMINDER

Amazing Race UBC Edition is coming up on July 28. You can receive more info and register at the church website under "events."

