

Deep Roots| Galatians 1:1-2:14

April 6th and 7th, 2024

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.

- 1) What have been the "Pits" and the "Praises" in your week?
- 2) How has the Live it Out been impacting your life?

Study Questions

Try to go in order from observation to interpretation to application. Feel free to choose a few questions you like from each section or add your own.

READ Galatians 1:1-2:14

Observation Questions: What do you observe about the text?

- 1) What is Paul's tone in this letter? Why?
- 2) Paul presents the gospel message in the greeting. What stands out to you about what Paul emphasizes?
- 3) What wrong thinking was infiltrating the church from influential Jewish leaders in Jerusalem. (Acts 15:1-2)
- 4) What do you learn about Paul's life before his conversion? (see also Acts 9:1-2, Philippians 3:2-8)
- 5) What do you learn about Paul's activities after conversion? (see also Acts 11:29-26)
- 6) Who does he credit for the change in his life? What does he say is his new purpose? (vs 16)

Interpretation Questions: What does it mean? (Let scripture interpret scripture)

- 7) Give the meaning of the word "gospel"? How many gospels are there according to verse 7? Do you agree?
- 8) Share with others in the group something of what the good news of Jesus Christ means to you and how your life has changed.
- 9) Find the warning in verse 8-9 (given 2x for emphasis). Say it in your own words.
- 10) Paul was passionate about the gospel not being distorted. How is it sometimes distorted in our culture?
- 11) Explain Peter's hypocrisy and Paul's rebuke? Who was Paul striving to please? Who did not concern him?

Application Questions: What do I do?

- 12) How does pleasing others cause you to shrink back from taking a stand for the gospel? Who specifically are you most concerned about? Have your group pray for any strongholds.
- 13) What are you doing to know, live & share the true gospel? Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8 Romans 10:14-17
- 14) What area of your life (relationships, finance, health) is God working to transform for his glory in this season? How are you cooperating with his work?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.

- 1) Lord, "What work in your Kingdom do you have in mind for me to do?"
- 2) Lord, "Who do I care more to please than you?"