

HOUSE GROUPS

Galatians

Discussion Questions

Questions for Self-Study

What does the passage say? Observe the facts. Who is speaking? What is happening? What are the key words, themes, or repeated ideas?

What does it mean? Interpret the message. What was the author communicating to the original audience? What does this teach about God, people, sin, faith, or salvation?

How does this apply to my life? Personalize the truth. Is there a command to obey, a promise to trust, a warning to heed, or an example to follow? What should change in my thinking or behavior?

How should I respond? Take action. What specific step will I take today? How can I pray based on what I learned?

Galatians 1: Defending the True Gospel

1. Paul speaks strongly against "another gospel" (1:6-9). What modern beliefs or teachings can subtly distort the gospel today, and how can Christians discern the difference?
 2. In verse 10, Paul asks whether he is seeking the approval of people or God. How does the desire for human approval affect our faith and witness?
 3. Paul's dramatic conversion became a testimony of God's grace. How has God used unexpected people or circumstances to influence your spiritual journey?
 4. Why do you think Paul begins this letter by defending the source of his authority? How does recognizing God's authority impact the way we receive correction?
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Galatians 2: Faith Over Legalism

1. Paul confronted Peter publicly when his actions contradicted the gospel (2:11-14). When is it appropriate to confront a fellow believer, and what principles should guide us?
2. What are some ways Christians today can unintentionally create barriers that make others feel like they must "earn" God's acceptance?
3. Paul declares, "I have been crucified with Christ" (2:20). What does this statement practically look like in daily life?
4. How can a person believe salvation is by grace while still living as though it depends on their performance?

Galatians 3: Faith and the Promise of God

1. Why do you think people often find it easier to trust rules than to trust God's promises?
2. Abraham was declared righteous because of faith. How does his example challenge common assumptions about spirituality and good works?
3. What role should God's law play in a believer's life if it cannot save us?
4. How does understanding that we are all "one in Christ Jesus" (3:28) impact issues of division, status, and identity in the church today?

Galatians 4: From Slavery to Sonship

1. Paul contrasts slavery and sonship. What are some ways believers may still live like slaves even though they have been adopted as God's children?
 2. Why is it often difficult to fully embrace our identity as sons and daughters of God?
 3. How do modern forms of legalism or religious performance keep people from experiencing the freedom God intends?
 4. Paul compares Hagar and Sarah as symbols of two covenants. What does this illustration teach us about trying to obtain God's promises through human effort?
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Galatians 5: Walking in Freedom Through the Spirit

1. What is the difference between Christian freedom and simply doing whatever we want?
 2. Which "fruit of the Spirit" do you find most challenging to cultivate, and why?
 3. How can believers distinguish between the desires of the flesh and the leading of the Holy Spirit in everyday decisions?
 4. Paul says freedom should be used to serve others in love (5:13). How does serving others actually increase, rather than diminish, our freedom?
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Galatians 6: Living Out the Gospel

1. What does it mean to "carry each other's burdens" (6:2), and how can a church do this effectively without fostering unhealthy dependence?
 2. Paul teaches both burden-bearing and personal responsibility (6:2-5). How do we balance compassion with accountability?
 3. The principle of sowing and reaping appears throughout Scripture. How have you seen this principle play out spiritually, emotionally, or relationally?
 4. Paul concludes by boasting only in the cross of Christ (6:14). If someone observed your life, what might they conclude you value or boast in most?
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Bonus Closing Question for the Entire Book of Galatians

If Paul were writing a letter to the modern church today, what issues might he address with the same urgency he showed in Galatians, and why?