



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of November 28 & 29, 2020*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Galatian 4:12-20

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

In our passage today, the Apostle Paul entreats the Galatians in a personal way to turn back to the truth. He pleads with the Galatians and calls them to remember their relationship with Paul before the false teachers turned their hearts away from him. He warns them of the heart and motives of the false teachers who only sought their own glory. His warning is to us as well; to not be deceived by such people.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Paul sought to love and win the hearts of the Galatians to Jesus Christ by becoming like them. How can you become like your unsaved friends to win them to Christ, without compromising your beliefs and values? How did Jesus Christ Himself display this kind of love?
2. Paul entreats the Galatians to remember the love, joy and happiness they shared with Paul prior to their turning away from the truth. Do you know someone who has turned away from the faith and in doing so rejected their closest relationships? Why do you think someone who once professed

love for Jesus, would turn away and reject Him in order to live for the world?

3. Why is it so important to trust in and follow Christ alone and not people, even if those people may seem incredible, awesome, wonderful, and make you feel incredible, awesome, wonderful? What insight does Gal.3:17 (*“They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.”*) give you regarding the techniques and motives of the false teachers who had bewitched the Galatians? Based on this insight, why do you think it was so hard for the Galatians to realize that they had been bewitched?
4. Pastor Dan mentioned that Paul’s frailties, weaknesses and suffering tempted the Galatians to want to “spit him out”. (see Gal.4:13-14a *“You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me...”*) How does God sometimes use human weakness to bring forth the truth of His gospel?
5. How does the truth of the Gospel keep you from becoming like the vain and boastful false teachers, and also protect you from becoming a follower of such people?