



How to use Talk It Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your Neighborhood Group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, then to optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps and pray.

Back to the Future - Pt 1: The Gospel & Religion

Galatians 1:1-7

Discussion Questions

- What part of the message stuck out to you and why?
- Open your Bibles and read Galatians 1:1-7 together and discuss the passage. Did anything new stick out to you and why? What did Jesus do? Why did he do it?
- What is the Gospel? Go around the group and discuss.
- Have you tried to “perform” this week? Read John 19:30 together as we see that Jesus has performed for us!
- Jesus + Nothing = Everything! Why is this freeing and Good News?

Optional Questions (Going Deeper)

Read verses 1-5

- Why is it significant that Paul begins the letter by calling himself “an apostle?”
- In these verses, what do you learn about God the Father?
- In these verses, what do you learn about Jesus Christ?

Read verses 6-7

- Can you have God and not the Gospel?
- How is following religion distorting the Gospel of Christ?
- What is so enticing about a religious-based “gospel?”
- What distorted “gospels” do you see that might persuade you to turn from the Gospel of Christ?

Next Step:

Identify key relationships in your life - friends or family - that need to hear the Gospel message. Pray for them and continue to love them as Christ loved us!

Next Week’s Message:

Join us next week as we continue in Galatians!

Daily Bible Readings

Allow God to grow you in His word by reading the following Bible passages related to this week’s message. You can also find a Bible Study book mark at the Resource Table to help you study the daily readings.

Day 1: Galatians 1:1-7

Day 2: Ephesians 2:8-10

Day 3: Matthew 11:28

Day 4: Romans 1:17

Day 5: Romans 5:8

Day 6: John 19:30

Reading from Galatians 1:1-7, ESV

Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 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—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

The Theme of Galatians is ... _____ + _____ = _____!

SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GOSPEL & RELIGION?

1) Religion teaches a salvation by _____. The Gospel teaches a salvation by the _____ of God alone!

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:8-10

2) Religion is motivated by _____. The Gospel is motivated by _____.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
Romans 1:17

3) Religion focuses on what I _____. The Gospel focuses on what Jesus has _____.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
John 19:30, see also Romans 5:8

4) Religion produces a _____. The Gospel produces a _____.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28, NIV