

"A Gospel Test Case"
August 11, 2013
Growth Group Questions



Read this week's passage together - Galatians 2:1-10. Have there been times in your life when you have begun to think that your performance counts toward your salvation? What caused you to think this way?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9. It is clear that we are saved only by God's grace, not by our works. How might we inadvertently add to that Good News, the Gospel? Based on our culture and upbringing, what further expectations do we sometimes put on other Christians? What do we sometimes expect people to conform to in order to be a Christian?

In verse 4, Paul implies that giving in to the false teachers would mean a descent into slavery. In what sense could a Christian become a slave?

Read together 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, which summarizes the Gospel, and then also Ephesians 2:1-10. Jesus, the God-man, died on the cross in our place, paying the penalty for our sins. Three days later He rose again, conquering sin and death and giving the gift of salvation to all who trust in Him alone for eternal life. Our loving Heavenly Father made a way for we who were dead in sin and deserving of wrath to be rescued from our sin, adopted into His family, and given new life!

The message outline lists three Gospel actions; repentance, transformation, generosity. Have you renounced your sin and turned from your old way of life in order to trust Jesus by faith and begin living a life of obedience for His glory? If so, how is the Gospel "changing everything?" Do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit's transforming work in your life? Has the Gospel freed you to put the needs of other's ahead of your own, serving and giving generously?

Based on what you've discussed, and any other needs that have been shared, take some time to pray for one another!