

Dig Deeper @Home – "Gather. Nurture. Make Disciples." Complement to sermon on September 17, 2017 – "Gather to Grow"

MEMORIZE – Galatians 5: 5-6

For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

READ Galatians 1: 10-24

Questions to ponder/discuss:

- 1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
- 2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
- 3. Paul calls himself a "servant of Christ" in v10 (literally a slave to Christ). See how this is used in the Old Testament: Isaiah 43:10, Joshua 14:7, Psalm 89:3, 2 Kings 10:10. Would your life support you being called a slave to Christ? Why or why not?
- 4. Paul retells his testimony in verse 13-17. In verse 13 & 14 Paul describes who he used to be, a church persecutor. Verse 15 starts out, "But when He..." Look up Ephesians 2: 1-10 and Titus 3:3-7. What do you notice? What does this say about God? Where have you experienced a "but God" moment in your life?
- 5. Paul says he was called to "preach Him among the gentiles." His calling was a commission which is true for all followers of Jesus. Read 1st Peter 2:9. What is your calling as a Christian? How are you living this out regularly?

Bottom Line – Summarize Galatians 1: 10-24 in your own words



Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Galatians 1: 10-24

The Great "But when God ..."

Paul's words in Galatians rely heavily on his testimony. He shares who he used to be: a terrorist to the church. Yet we know him as a great church planter. So, what happened? Verse 15 happened. "But then He (God)..." Take time to think about "but when God" moments that you have experienced in your life. Try to think of recent examples as well as ones from your past. Reflect on these moments and let them lead you to worship God. Then share them with others so that they can be lead to worship and glorify our great God.

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

My Story

A great song showing the results of the gospel on someone's life

I Love to Tell the Story – Mennonite Hymnal #593

Sing all 4 verses of this wonderful hymn

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is a time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Heavenly Father, as we go this week remind us of who you are and the great things you have done for us that we would overflow with a contagious joy. In Jesus name. Amen.