



SESSION 2 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GOSPEL JUSTIFICATION – WHOSE APPROVAL ARE YOU SEEKING?

GET STARTED

- **What's the funniest or most embarrassing moment when you have forgotten something? What happened as a result? How did you realize your mistake?**
- **Who or what is most likely to influence you? Examples: TV, social media, internet, family, friends, the Bible, spouse, news, celebrity.**

TAKE IT IN

- Watch Session 2: Gospel Justification at mynorthside.com/galatians. **What encouraged or challenged you from the video and/or daily study guide this week?**

TALK IT OVER

Read Galatians 2:1-10

- The Judaizers were claiming that Paul didn't have authority and that the Gospel he was preaching was insufficient. Paul knew his Gospel was from Jesus and seeks unity with the Apostles to counteract these false teachers. **If the Apostles had agreed with the Judaizers and made the opposite decision, how would the truth of the Gospel have been lost?**
- From this meeting, Paul and the Apostles are unified on two important things: the Gospel and taking care of the poor. **How are these two things related? What is one next step you need to take to intentionally serve others in need?**

Read Galatians 2:11-21

- This was not a case of separation of believers and unbelievers. Both the Judaizers and Gentile Christians believed in Jesus. The separation came from Judaizers adding Jewish customs on top of faith to truly be saved. **Today, what nonessential customs do Christians sometimes force on each other? Why is it wrong to make such customs a basis for fellowship/community?**

- Out of fear of losing the approval of the Judaizers, Peter forgot the heart of the Gospel that had changed his life. **What are some of the pressures you face that distract you from following through with what you believe God wants you to do? In what areas of life do you try to earn the approval of yourself, other people, or even God in your own effort?**
- Reflect back on the influence Peter had on others (vv.12-13). **How does it encourage or challenge you that your relationship with God can help others draw near or move away from Jesus? How can you be more intentional with your faith and the influence you have on others in your life (family, friends, co-workers, etc.)?**
- We all need someone like Paul in our lives who is willing to speak truth and encourage us in our relationship with God. **Do you have someone like that in your life? If so, share a story of how they have helped you grow in your faith. If not, how can you seek out or what is hindering you from developing this type of relationship?**
- When Paul realized Peter was acting out of line with the Gospel, he began to unpack justification by faith (vv.15-20). **Based on the passage and your daily reading, what does it mean to be justified by faith? How would you explain “justification by faith” in your own words to someone else?**
- Reread Galatians 2:20. Paul’s life was so completely changed by the Gospel that he could write these words. **How have you experienced “Christ living in you” influencing your actions and thoughts? Practically, what does it look like to live out Galatians 2:20 in your life this week?**

LIVE IT OUT

Paul lived by and under the Gospel. What does it look like to bring every aspect of your life under the Gospel (mind, emotions, actions, etc.)? Are you aware of and making the decision to bring the Gospel into your life daily? This week, take a moment each morning to reflect on the coming day. How will the Gospel impact what you do and how you do it?

Daily Bible Study: Take 30 minutes each day to complete the daily study guide. Don’t think of it as homework, but relational time growing alongside your Heavenly Father. Your time with God will transform you and help encourage others. Come ready to discuss what you are learning at the next group session.

Memorize: *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

– Galatians 2:20

