

Rooted in the Gospel

Galatians 2:11-21

Taking it Home:

1. Luther referred to justification by faith as the doctrine on which the church stands or falls. Why does this doctrine affect everything about the church's life and witness?
2. When are you guilty of a double standard? How do you communicate, likely by example, "Do as I say, not as I do?"

Prayer Concerns:

Gospel rooted believing

What does it mean to rely solely on Christ for salvation?

Justification

There's a difference between _____ and _____.

Gospel rooted living

If trusting in Christ alone saves me, why not sin?

1. Christians are _____ to their _____.
2. Christians are _____ with _____.
3. Christians are changed by the _____.

Gospel rooted loving

How can I avoid hypocrisy?

1. Choose to live from who you _____.
2. Remember the grace you have _____
and freely _____.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What is a memorable argument? Was it worth the fight?

Digging Deeper:

Galatians 2:11-21

1. What is the crux of the argument between Peter and Paul? Why is Paul so aggressive in his confrontation with Peter? What was at stake?
2. Martin Luther said that ‘works based religion’ is the default mode of the human heart. *“Even after you are converted by the gospel, your heart will go back to operating on the religious principle unless you deliberately, repeatedly set it to the gospel-mode.”* What is the difference between the two? When have you most experienced this default mode in your own life?

3. Briefly describe “justification” in terms that a non-Christian could understand. What is the difference between ‘believing in’ and ‘trusting’ Christ for salvation?
4. Reread Galatians 2:17-21 and Matthew 16:24-27. Paul asks, “Does Christ promote sin?” Put another way, “If faith in Christ is sufficient to forgive sin, why not sin big?” How do Matthew and Galatians help answer these questions?
5. What does it mean for “Christ to live in us?” How should the reality of Christ’s indwelling presence affect your everyday life?
6. What are the two forms of hypocrisy mentioned in the message? Which have you seen, experienced, or participated in? What helps you avoid hypocrisy?