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Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of April 28, 2019

This Week's Focus: Paul is astonished at the Galatians desertion from the true gospel as revealed to him by Christ. Any other gospel does not save, and anyone preaching another gospel, Paul says, "let him be accursed."

This Week's Text: Galatians 1:6-12

"[6] 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—[7] not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. **Galatians 1:6-7**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- Share what the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text.
- How does the context and historical background of this letter provide assist us in our understanding of Paul's words in this passage?
- How is the Galatians behavior regarding the gospel similar to that of the people Israel (Exodus 32)?
 - Why are we (mankind) so quick to desert the things of God?
- How is a desertion of the gospel also a desertion from God himself?
- If someone asked you "What is the gospel?" How would you answer that question? (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
 - Why is it so vitally important we get the answer to that question correct?
- Explain open handed issues and closed handed issues. Where does the gospel fall?
- How is a mixing of law and grace a distortion of the gospel?
- What is the difference between error and heresy? How do we treat one versus the other?
- What is the consequence of preaching a false/distorted gospel? What is the consequence of believing a false/distorted gospel?
 - Does this give us an urgency for mission? (Declaring and demonstrating the true gospel)
- How does being in community with other believers keep us from following another gospel?
- What makes the message of gospel offensive to the world? Where should our approval come from and how does that give us confidence? (v.10)
- Do you ever struggle with pleasing man over Christ? How do we combat that fear effectively?
- Why was it important for Paul to emphasize that the gospel he was preaching not "man's gospel"?
- Where does the authority of the gospel come from, and how does that give us confidence to live on mission? (Matthew 28:18-20)