

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of July 7, 2019

This Week's Focus: The great and central basis of our justification and eternal security, and the guiding influence in our spiritual maturity and missional living is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This Week's Text: Galatians 4:8-20

"For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings." **1**

Corinthians 9:19-23

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- Share what the Holy Spirit has impressed on your heart and mind from this week's text. How has this passage realigned your thoughts, feelings, and actions with the truth of the gospel?
- Prior to their conversion, what had formerly enslaved the Galatian believers? What are the "weak and worthless elementary principles of the world" (verses 9-10)? Discuss how both the religious and irreligious need the grace of God for justification.
- What are idols, and what do we hope to gain by worshiping them? To what idol(s) are you prone to return? Have you noticed when you are most tempted to turn to idols? How can we know when we are enslaved to one?
- What does Paul mean to be "known by God"? Discuss how the gospel liberates us from spiritual bondage and is the basis of our eternal security.
- Why did Paul hope to accomplish by becoming like the Galatians (verse 12; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23)? As Christians seeking to live on mission, what is wrong with *separating* from and *syncretizing* with culture? How do we contextualize the gospel in our current cultural climate?
- How did God providentially plan Paul's gospel proclamation to the Galatians (verses 13-16)? What did the Judaizers seek to gain by spreading their false gospel to the Gentile converts (verses 17-18)?
- What analogy did Paul use to describe his heartbreak over the Galatians' spiritual regression (verses 19-20)? As their spiritual parent, what is Paul's desire for the Galatians? What does reveal about the role of pastor/elders in the church? Discuss how the gospel is the means of our spiritual maturity.
- Is the Holy Spirit leading you to declare and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ to someone you know? Is he leading you to bring the good news of the gospel to another area of the world?