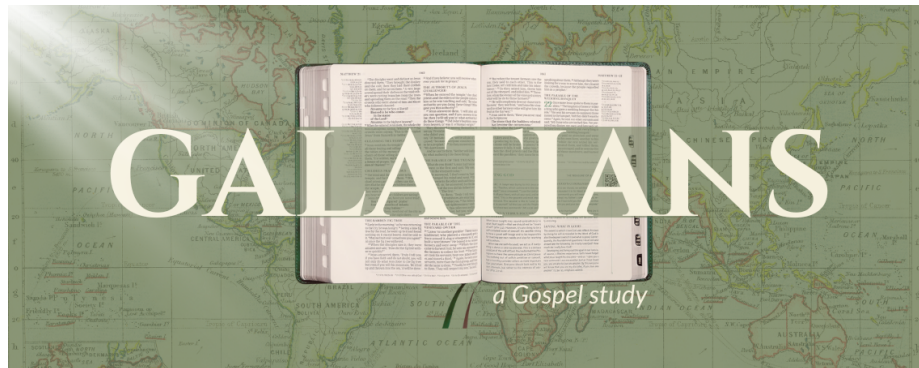




Sermon Discussion Guide

2.8.26 Message | Tyler Myers | Galatians 1:1-10

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)

→ Share Life

- What's something simple you're thankful for right now?
- What's been taking most of your attention lately?
- Is there anyone in your community who needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

→ Follow Up From Last Time

- As you think back to last week, what stood out or stayed with you?
- Was there anything you felt invited to try, practice or pay attention to this week? How did that go?
- Did that show up in any conversations, choices or moments this week?
- Where did you see God at work - even in small ways?

LOOK UP - Scripture & Discovery (~60%)

→ Read (twice, in different translations)

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

→ Retell

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

Key Scripture (ESV)

Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 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— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

- Galatians 1:1-10

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- **The gospel isn't something we "upgrade"** to fit what we want — we don't grow the gospel to meet our desires.
- **The gospel is something we grow *in*,** so our hearts mature into what we were created for.
- Paul's tone in Galatians 1 is urgent because **drifting from the gospel isn't a small issue** — it's deserting the One who called us by grace.
- **The gospel has growth built into its DNA:** it transforms not only what we believe, but what we love, want and live for.
- **Jesus is the Saving King** — His life, death, resurrection and reign change everything.
- A true gospel response isn't just religious activity or moral improvement — it's **allegiance to Jesus rooted in grace and truth.**

CONVERSATION STARTER

If someone asked you, "*What is the gospel?*" — what would you say in one sentence?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (Does your group understand the message?)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

1. Paul says they're "so quickly deserting" God. What do you think it looks like for someone to drift from Jesus faster than they realize? (**Gal. 1:6**)
 2. Paul says they're "deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ." Why do you think Paul connects leaving the gospel with leaving grace? (**Gal. 1:6**)
 3. Paul says some people "trouble you" and want to distort the gospel. What are some "troubling" thoughts or messages that can pull you off course spiritually? (**Gal. 1:7**)
 4. Paul says they want to "distort the gospel of Christ." What's the difference between the gospel being *distorted* and the gospel being *rejected*—and how do we protect ourselves from distortions? (**Gal. 1:7**)
 5. Paul says there isn't "another" gospel—yet people still turn to one. Why do you think false gospels can feel so convincing or attractive, and can we identify a few "false gospels" people live by today? (**Gal. 1:6–7**)
 6. Paul asks, "If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ." How does seeking people's approval compete with being a "servant of Christ" in real life? (**Gal. 1:10**)
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BRIDGE QUESTION

Based on this passage, what kinds of responses does it seem to invite? What direction does it seem to point our lives toward?

LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)

→ Inside Me

- Where do I need to bring my sin into the light instead of hiding it?
- What is one concrete step of obedience I can take this week to pursue Jesus in that area?

→ Who Else?

- Who might need encouragement that grace is real and change is possible?
- How can I move toward them with love and truth this week?

→ Pray Together

- Pray for clarity to see Jesus more clearly and follow him faithfully.
- Pray for strength to resist anything that competes for our allegiance and next steps.
- Pray for courage and grace to take the next faithful step that God is inviting us into.