Small Group Question May 13, 2018

## Leaders:

Any week is a good week to mention the importance of serving the body, particularly in Sunday morning roles. As the church grows, the needs grow with it. Whether it's helping in kids, set up, tear down, greeting, the Connection Center, or more, there is a place for your people. Check "serve" on the Connection Card or tell someone to email us at <a href="mailto:info@harvestsacramento.net">info@harvestsacramento.net</a> to get started

## **LEARN**

Read Galatians 2:11-14. What stands out to you in the text, or stood out to you from the sermon?

What was Peter (Cephas is his Aramaic name) guilty of doing?

(He stepped back from his Acts 10-11 experience, knowing God has accepted Gentiles by faith and not Jewish custom or dietary laws. He lived antithetical to the freedom Christ gave him and Gentile believers, and influenced many others to follow him.)

What do these verses teach us about the relationship of gospel truth and gospel living? (When the gospel is in us, it gets out in our lives. The gospel is intensely practical in its applications for real life.)

## **PRACTICE**

What are signs of making fear-based decisions instead of conviction-based decisions? Make a list as a group of at least 3 traits in each category.

What is hypocrisy? How can hypocrisy devastate a local church and what can be done to prevent that from happening at Harvest?

(One definition is "deeds that do not match your doctrine". We prevent it at Harvest by continually aligning and realigning ourselves, individually and corporately, to the truth of the gospel and live it out together.)

If Peter's conduct was <u>not</u> in step with the truth of the gospel, how should we describe a life that <u>is</u> in step with the truth of the gospel?

(Examples: consistent joy in worship, growing humility, enjoying and embracing diversity of background/race/socioeconomics/education levels, knowing Word well enough to defend it.)

## **CHANGE**

Where do you feel the most challenged by this text: fear of man, hypocrisy, or legalism? How has it been playing out in your life recently? What "gospel truth" do you need to apply/believe regarding it? (Leaders: As a group, seek to verbalize why the gospel impacts these areas – what are the applications of Christ's person and work that should continually change us? After discussing these things, use the discussion as the content of your prayer time, confessing sin and asking God to transform and renew you.)