

Leaders: Did you know people are finding Harvest through Yelp? It's amazing what a few reviews and some good photos can do! Consider letting your SG members know they can post a review of Harvest on Yelp to help people looking for a church home in the area.

LEARN

Read Galatians 2:1-10 together. What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?

If Paul knew his gospel was from God, why was he still concerned to make sure it lined up with Peter and the other Apostles?

(He also knew they received the true gospel from God, and wanted to make sure there was unity around the core issues of salvation by faith alone, in Christ's work alone)

What can you learn about the difference between "religion" and the true gospel from these verses?

(Religion always brings you into a form of works-based slavery, and the gospel frees us in Christ through forgiveness of sin & right relationship with God. Religion focuses on my works, gospel focuses on God's grace)

PRACTICE

Compromising to maintain unity can be right in certain contexts and disastrous in other contexts. How can we know when to compromise or hold our ground?

(Good compromise between Christians is for edification, forgiveness, understanding, and unity in relationship. Disastrous compromise involves God's Word being denied or cast aside in order not to lose relationship)

Have you ever felt the pull of the false gospel of "work for your salvation"? Share an example of the struggle in your own life and what the true gospel does in your heart to free you in Christ.

(Any of us can easily feel the pull towards works based righteousness! How does it operate in your heart? When you sin, fail, give into fear, seek to please man above God, or even serve in the church w/ wrong motives)

How is this text an encouragement to fight for gospel unity? How does it instruct you about not being unified with those who distort the gospel?

(Paul demonstrates that we all need to be tenacious about maintaining unity in the gospel and equally tenacious about refuting and rejecting those who intentionally twist, add to, or take from the true gospel of grace)

CHANGE

Galatians 2:4 says the pseudo-Christians desired to "bring us into slavery" through their false teaching. How does the true gospel help you personally stay free in Christ from the slavery of works based religion?

(Leaders: Consider using time in your men's / women's groups to pray together, specifically praising God for the freedom in the true gospel and for protection against any form of false gospel belief in our hearts)