

Leaders:

1. Fasting Friday starts this Friday, September 7th! Please encourage your group to participate in a way appropriate for them.
2. The Foundations Class starts September 9th. It is a 13 week course helping those new in Christ and those already established in Christ to grow deeper in their understanding and love for Him. Sign ups are on the app – on the home screen, tap “Events Sign Up” and you’ll see it at the top.

LEARN

Read Galatians 6:11-18 together. What stands out in the text and from the sermon as helpful/encouraging?

What is a “gospel-centered life”? How would you help someone understand how a gospel-centered life is different than being “religious”?

(Boasts not in human effort / Boasts only in cross of Christ / Bears the marks of Jesus / Basks in God’s grace. Religion earns/works/compares/is powerless, gospel-centered receives, trusts, rejoices, gives life away.)

What does it mean to “boast” in the cross of Christ?

(You glory in it, rejoice to think of it, praise God for it, recognize continually Jesus’ work at the cross in your place is how you are reconciled to God.)

PRACTICE

Consider the entire book of Galatians and answer this question: What are some theological beliefs and evidences from a person’s life that show they embrace the gospel and seek to live a gospel-centered life?

(Suggestion: Encourage the group to flip through Galatians for a couple minutes then begin sharing, or take everyone through each chapter, focusing on content from each to paint a portrait of a gospel-centered life.)

List the 3 reasons why Paul says he would only boast in the cross of Christ. Which of these stands out to you as being most relevant or needed for you to apply today?

(Severs you from the world’s power // Frees you from your old self // Positions you for God’s blessing.)

How does being a “new creation” in Christ need to inform the way you think and speak about the gospel with other people?

(Leaders: The idea here is that it’s not “being nice” but “being new” that God is after in people. He makes people *new* by faith in the finished work of Christ, and we need to keep our gospel message centered on the need and hope of people being made new in Christ, like we have been.)

CHANGE

Paul concludes the letter and summarizes his message in a single word: grace. How is God’s grace impacting your relationships with others these days? Is there any difficult relationship in your life that you know God is asking you to extend his grace to?