



Sermon Discussion Guide

2.22.26 Message | Tyler Myers | Galatians 2:11-14

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)

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

- Galatians 2:11-14

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- The gospel is not just believed — it is lived publicly in how we treat people.
 - Social pressure can distort the gospel even when our theology is correct.
 - Courageous confrontation protects the truth of the gospel and the unity it creates.
 - Humble correction is part of spiritual maturity and leadership.
 - Our actions influence others — faithfulness or hypocrisy both spread.
 - Restoration, not division, is always the goal when the gospel is at stake.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

Think of a time when avoiding a hard conversation created more tension instead of less. What made it difficult to speak up — fear, reputation, relationship, or uncertainty?

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?)

- What exactly changed in Peter's behavior from verse twelve to verse thirteen? What words in the text help you see that?
- Verse twelve says Peter was afraid. What does that fear seem to be shaping in his actions?
- Paul says their conduct was "not in step with the truth of the gospel." From this passage, what truth of the gospel was being compromised?
- Why does Paul call what happened hypocrisy instead of just a mistake or personal preference?
- Who else was affected by Peter's actions, and what does that show about how influence works among believers?

- Paul confronts Peter in front of others. Based on the situation, why might this have needed to be addressed publicly?
 - Paul asks how Peter could pressure Gentiles to live like Jews. What types of pressure can communicate “you don’t fully belong” without anyone actually saying those words?
 - Where might someone be tempted to pull back from certain people to protect reputation, comfort, or acceptance? What might that reveal about the heart?
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BRIDGE QUESTION

Based on this passage, what kinds of responses does it invite? What direction does it 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.