



Sermon Discussion Guide

3.29.26 Message | Tyler Myers | Galatians 1:11-24; 6:11-18

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)

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

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MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Biblical calling is not something we create; it begins with God choosing us by His grace.
- God continues His work by shaping us over time, forming Christ in us through real-life experiences.
- Calling is not just about what we do, but who we belong to and how we live.
- Every believer is sent into everyday spaces: home, work, and relationships, to live out the Gospel.
- It is easy to get caught up in our own story and miss how God is inviting us into His bigger story.
- True calling is not about recognition or performance, but about faithfulness to Christ and His purposes.
- A life centered on the cross leads to transformation: a new identity, not just improved behavior.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Where in your week do you feel the most “locked in” and focused?

Where do you feel more distracted, or just going through the motions?

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?)

- In **Galatians 1:13–16**, Paul describes his life before Christ and how God called him by grace. What stands out to you about how God worked in Paul’s life?
 - Paul says God had **set him apart before he was born** and then revealed Jesus to him. What does that tell us about where calling begins?
 - The message described calling as God **choosing, shaping, and sending** a person. Which of those feels most clear to you right now, and which feels less clear or more challenging?
 - In **Galatians 6:12–13**, Paul warns about people who want to make a good showing and gain recognition. Why is it easy to drift toward living for approval instead of living out God’s calling?
 - In **Galatians 6:14–15**, Paul says he boasts only in the cross and points to becoming a **new creation**. How does the cross reshape what we give our lives to?
 - The sermon emphasized that calling is lived out in everyday spaces like home and work. What might it look like to live out your faith more intentionally in those areas this week?
 - Paul says in **Galatians 6:17** that he bears the marks of Jesus in his life. What do you think it means for someone’s life to reflect their faith visibly?
 - The message ended with the question: *Are we just not living against God, or are we actively working with Him?* What might it look like for you personally to take one step toward actively working with God this week?
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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.