



# UNLOCKED

WEEK 1

## SCRIPTURE

**GALATIANS 1** – Read the entire chapter.

**ACTS 22:21 (NIV)** Then the Lord said to me, “Go; I will send you far away to the Gentiles.”

**ACTS 13:38-39 (NIV)** Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

**ACTS: 14:19 (NIV)** Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.

**ACTS 14:21-22 (NIV)** They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

**GALATIANS 2:16 (NIV)** Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

**JOHN 14:6 (NIV)** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**ACTS 7:58 (NIV)** [They] dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

**2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-4 (NIV)** I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know— God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows — was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

## FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

1. What was your biggest takeaway from this weekend's message?
2. Have you ever tried to address a difficult circumstance at work or with a family member? Why is it good to say a few nice things before you jump into a hard conversation?
3. Read Galatians chapter one — yep, all of it. Once done, go back and reread verses 4-9. What differences in tone and attitude do you notice, and why do you think that is?
4. Why was it so important for the church in Galatia to be reminded that salvation only comes through Christ, not through good works? What was happening in the early church?
5. Churches and Christians sometimes create lists of what's acceptable/unacceptable to be considered real Christians. What lists can you think of, and how do they make you feel?
6. The Apostle Paul adjusted to life with God after spending many years without Him; as a result, Senior Pastor Steve Poe emphasized, "Unlearning can be as important as learning." How have you seen this principle play out in your life as you've grown in your walk with God?
7. Even though we know good works don't make us right with God, we sometimes get caught up with trying to earn God's favor. Why do you think people struggle with this tendency?
8. Russell Moore said, "The next Billy Graham might be a drunk right now. The next Charles Wesley might be a profanity-spewing hip-hop artist. The next Charles Spurgeon might be managing an abortion clinic today. The next Mother Teresa might be a heroin-addicted porn star. And the next apostle Paul might just be involved in the occult right now." How should this thought influence the way we pray for those still far from God?
9. Can people that have known you a long time see the change God has made in your life? What are some ways you could more intentionally give God credit for those changes?

