

Small Group Discussion Questions for "No Other Gospel" - Session 1

Read: Galatians 1:1-24

Teaching Summary: The "different gospel" that some Galatians were accepting was the idea that, while Jesus was the Messiah who was promised in the Hebrew Scriptures, there was no reason to believe that his followers should stop keeping the Jewish laws and practices. They wanted to fit Jesus into their preexisting lives, instead of embracing Jesus and allowing him to change everything.

1. When you want to make an important point to someone, how do you do it? What approach do you take and why?
2. How are you simply fitting Jesus into your life instead of letting Jesus be the center of your life?
3. What "different gospels" are out there in our world today? Be honest, which ones are you attracted to and why?
4. How do you respond when someone presents a distorted gospel or message? How can you respond in truth AND grace?
5. Why is Galatians 1:10 a key verse in this chapter? In what ways do you seek the approval of people over God?

6. Why do people tend to pick and choose things in the Bible to believe and others to reject? And how does that create one's own gospel?

7. What's the difference between just changing your behavior vs changing your heart? Give an example.

8. What do you tell someone who says, "I've tried the whole God thing, and it just didn't work out for me?"

9. Paul shares his story in three stages. First, he talks about who he was before Christ. Second, he talks about his encounter with Jesus. Third, he talks about how he was transformed and who he became after Jesus. How would you describe your story in these three stages?