

# **No Other Gospel:** *an 8-Week Study of Galatians*

The Story Houston's Fall 2020 Discipleship Season

## **Session Eight: The "Gospel" of Pride**

### **Introduction**

Welcome to our Fall 2020 study of Paul's letter to the Galatians! For eight weeks, we're exploring the words written by the Apostle Paul 1,950 years ago in the year 50 AD. This letter, called *Galatians*, may be the earliest of Paul's thirteen letters that are included in the Bible, and if so, that would make Galatians the oldest book in the New Testament.

Our learning each week is broken down into three categories: First, we'll spend twenty minutes learning about the CONTEXT of Galatians. Second, we'll spend twenty minutes exploring the particular CONFLICT that Paul is addressing in that week's reading. And third, we'll discuss the CORRECTION Paul offers the Galatians to get back on track.

This course has three requirements:

1. Do the work. Read the assigned readings. Write your answers in the Study Guides.
2. Listen to *The Story at Home Podcast* for more in-depth teachings on Galatians.
3. Ask questions. Ask the teachers on Wednesday nights. Ask your Group leaders and fellow members. Ask God in prayer.

### **This Week's Text**

Read **Galatians 6:1-18** twice, once silently and once aloud, making notes of any words and phrases that you're not sure about, and writing down any questions that immediately come to mind.

### **Context**

**What, specifically, does Paul say about how believers should treat each other?**

**On a couple of occasions in this passage, Paul appears (to some readers) to be internally inconsistent. Are we supposed to restore believers who are caught in sin, or should we play it safe and avoid being tempted by their sin (6:1)? Are we supposed to carry each other's burdens (6:2), or should each of us carry our own load (6:5)? Are we supposed to be proud of ourselves (6:4), or are we only to "boast...in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (6:14)? How do we make sense of these paradoxical statements?**

**What is pride? What is the difference between “good” pride and bad? How can pride open people up to other sins? (Galatians 6:3)**

### **Conflict**

**Why does Paul warn us about self-deceit? How is that a recurring theme in scripture?**  
(See Gal 6:3 - "For if anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.")

**Why is Paul so adamant about helping us understand the conflict that exists between the flesh and the spirit? How is human pride a recurring theme in scripture?**

### **Correction**

**Why were the “Judaizers” or “the Circumcision Party” trying to compel the new, Gentile Christians in Galatia to be circumcised?**

**Verses 15-16 provide a thematic summary of Paul’s many arguments throughout his letter to the Galatians. Why doesn’t circumcision (or uncircumcision) matter anymore for Christians? (See Galatians 3:28)**

*...What counts is the new creation.*

Galatians 6:15