

Community Group Homework
For the week of October 5th, 2009
Galatians 1:1-5

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

2. Read 1 Timothy 1:15, considering Paul's view of himself.
a. How do you view yourself in light of this passage? Are you more like Saul of Tarsas or Paul, the apostle? Explain

b. How do you view God's grace in light of this passage?

3. God called Paul to a specific ministry. What do you think God is calling you to do? What steps do you need to take to fulfill this ministry?

4. The churches in Galatia had become imprisoned to legalism.
a. Have you experienced legalism in yourself and/or in others? If so, how has legalism impacted you and those around you?

b. Are there any legalistic tendencies in your life now?

5. Read James 1:17. What does this verse tell you about the good things in your life? List some of the good gifts you are enjoying now. Who do you need to thank for these good gifts?

6. Paul says that Jesus “gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age.”

a. Since Jesus gave Himself for our sins, what does that say about self-effort in salvation?

b. Name two things that are part of this present evil age that you believe people need to be saved from.

1. Has the Holy Spirit used this week's sermon to speak to you? What do you think He is saying? Is He asking you to change some thing(s) in your life?

Digging Deeper

2. Read Romans 4:1-16. Paul explains in this passage that we are not saved by keeping the Law, but by faith, citing the truth that Abraham received the sign of circumcision *after* he was justified (saved) by simply believing God (by faith).

a. Based on this, how were people saved before Jesus came to die for our sins?

b. Based on this, how do we grow in our salvation once we have trusted Jesus as our Lord and Savior (hint: read Galatians 3:2-3)?