

Sermon #4: Galatians

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BREAKING THE ICE

Have you ever had to have a difficult conversation with a leader or someone in authority to ensure you were on the same page? How did you handle it?

UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTH

Read the Passage: Galatians 2:1-10

Look at verses 1-3

1. What prompted Paul to go to Jerusalem, and what did he present to the leaders there?
2. Why did Paul present his gospel to the leaders in private (v.2)? What concern did he express about his ministry?
3. What significant fact about Titus is mentioned in verse 3, and why was this important to the situation?

Look at verses 4-5.

4. According to verse 4, who had infiltrated the believers, and what was their specific motive regarding the believers' freedom in Christ?
5. How did Paul respond to the pressure from these "false brothers" (v.5), and for whose sake did he refuse to stand firm?

Look at verses 6-9

6. What did the recognized leaders add or contribute to his message?
7. What did the leaders recognize about the division of ministry between Paul and Peter?
8. How might this example of division of ministry help us see how God uses different people in different ways today?
9. Who are identified as pillars in verse 9, and what sign of partnership did they give to Paul and Barnabas?

SEEING JESUS CHRIST

The unity of the church is based on the truth that Christ is the Savior of all nations. By entrusting Peter with ministry to the Jews and Paul to the Gentiles, Jesus shows He is Lord of the whole world, breaking down cultural barriers through grace.

- How does seeing Jesus' clear mission to "the nations" and the resistance to this that early Christians experienced, make you think about how we, as Western Christians, resist the unique way others are becoming part of Jesus' family?

MAKING IT MATTER

1. Paul refused to compromise the "truth of the gospel." Are there areas in your life, our culture, or church where you are tempted to compromise biblical truth for the sake of peace?
2. How can we better recognize and affirm God's work in believers who may have different ministries, backgrounds or secondary convictions than we do?
3. Is there a believer or group of believers you struggle to fully receive as family in Christ? What would it look like to view them through Jesus' finished work rather than secondary differences?

PRAYING FOR GOD'S POWER

"This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15

When we pray according to God's will it engages the power and guidance of God to bring about our transformation. If we apply these things in our own strength, then it is just legalistic obedience. But, when we humbly ask God to change us and empower us according to His will and by His Spirit, it becomes transformational AND it glorifies God.

- Pray that Christ would shape you and our church to reflect a welcome fellowship marked by humility, unity, and joy in the same grace we have received through the gospel.