

DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOLD TO THE TRUE GOSPEL
Galatians 1:6-9
Sola Fide (Galatians) — Week 2

ICEBREAKER: Have you ever felt excluded? Explain the situation and how it made you feel.

OVERVIEW: The word “gospel” is used 72 times in the New Testament. It was the central theme of the early church’s preaching, and Christ commanded that it must be preached to all nations (Mk 16:15). We are called to defend the gospel (Phil 1:7), to not be ashamed of the gospel (Rm 1:16), and to share in suffering for the gospel (2 Tim 1:8). But what is the gospel? Do you know it well enough to share it, and to guard against false gospels? In this study we will go deeper with holding to the true gospel.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. The Greek word for “gospel” means good news. What’s so good about the news of the gospel?
3. Have you ever shared the gospel with anyone? Explain.
4. When is the first time you heard the gospel?

5. Read Romans 1:16.
 - a. Why might it be tempting to be ashamed of the gospel?
 - b. Why shouldn’t we be ashamed?
 - c. What does it mean that the gospel is “the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes”?
 - d. According to this verse, why is the gospel essential for evangelism?
6. What is the gospel? (Refer to Sunday’s sermon for the rest of the questions.)
7. What are the consequences of turning away from the true gospel?
8. How can you spot a false gospel?
9. How does the phrase “Do vs. Done” help to explain the gospel?
10. What simple question can help you to see if someone understands the gospel?

The Last Word: The gospel is the message of free salvation from sin through faith in Jesus Christ.

