

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE REAL REASON CHRIST DIED

Galatians 1:1-5

Sola Fide (Galatians) — Week 1

ICEBREAKER: What's your dream job?

OVERVIEW: This week we are beginning a new sermon series through the epistle to the Galatians. Galatians was Martin Luther's favorite book of the Bible. It has been called the "Magna Carta of Christian Liberty," the "battle-cry of the Reformation," and the "Christian declaration of independence." In this first study we will go deeper with the real reason Christ died.

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. Why does the death of Christ matter?
3. How has the cross changed your life?
4. Is the cross something to celebrate or mourn? Explain.

5. Read Romans 3:23-26.
 - a. Why did God present Christ as the mercy seat/propitiation?
 - b. How does the cross demonstrate God's righteousness?
 - c. How does the cross make God both just and the justifier?
6. Refer to Sunday's sermon on Galatians 1:1-5.
 - a. What do each of the titles "Lord," "Jesus," and "Christ" mean?
 - b. Why is it important that Christ "gave himself"?
 - c. What does it mean that Christ came to rescue us from this present evil age?
 - d. What does it mean to glorify God?

The Last Word: "The death of Christ is the wisdom of God by which the love of God saves sinners from the wrath of God, all the while upholding and demonstrating the righteousness of God in Christ." John Piper

