



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Galatians 1:1-9

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

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Sermon Summary:

Paul began this letter holding nothing back. He came out firing on all cylinders. Why was he so emotional? It wasn't because the Galatian believers rejected him. He was so upset because they had rejected what God had given to him to give to all people! So, in a very real sense, they were not rejecting him, but GOD! And that is why this book, like no other in the New Testament is so fiery.

You & I, just like the Galatian believers, need to be clear on the essentials of the gospel. We can be sure that what the Apostles presented in the New Testament is what will not only save us, but will also enable to follow God until our salvation is complete. Don't be fooled by counterfeit gospels. They may sound the same, but at their core they are not! And following them will cause you all kinds of grief as you try to follow them.

Discussion:

1. Some Jewish Christian teachers troubled the Galatian churches with a “**different gospel.**” Is it possible for there to be two gospels, Paul's & another? Discuss your answers.

2. Stanley Morrow said, “*The **content** of [the] gospel is so definite that the believers can not only **recognize** it, but also **reject** any ‘other gospel’ as false (2 Cor. 11:4). Paul himself recognizes & **the believers also should recognize**, no other gospel (Gal. 1:6-7) even though there were then—as there are...[today]—those who ‘trouble you...’ (Gal. 1:7-9).*” Are you able to **recognize** the gospel & **reject** false gospels? If not, what help do you need to do that?
3. What are the essential contents of the gospel presented in Gal. 1:1–4 & 1 Cor. 15:1–4? If someone believed Jesus didn’t die for sin or resurrect, how would you respond?
4. Why was Paul so upset? Was it because the Galatians rejected him? Think about what John Stott said: “*This, is our dilemma. **Are we to accept Paul’s account** of the origin of his message, supported as it is by solid historical evidence? **Or shall we prefer our own theory**, although supported by no historical evidence? If Paul was right in asserting that his gospel was not man’s but God’s, **then to reject Paul is to reject God.***” Based on Gal. 1:1–9 & Stott’s words, now consider why Paul was so upset.
5. What kinds of false gospels have you encountered from Christians and from society?

End with Prayer.

- Pray for a diligent spirit and setting aside dedicated time to learn the gospel.
- Pray for one another.