

Galatians 1:1-10

Launch:

Have your group participate in a game of two truths and an “untruth”. The game is very simple. Each person will say three statements. 2 will be true. 1 will be not true. After a person makes his or her statements, the rest of the group will try to determine which statement is not true. Do this with everyone and see who was able to fool the class.

In this passage, Paul addresses the topic of false gospels as opposed to the one, true gospel. One of these is true. The other is a lie. It is important that we as Christians speak only the truth of the gospel of Christ as well as discern the truth from the lies.

Highlight: Which verse spoke to you this week?

Explain:

The title of this series is no other gospel. The one and only gospel is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Nothing is greater than His redemption of sinners. Starting in verse 6, right after his greeting, Paul gets straight to the point that needs to be made. He calls out the Galatian church for abandoning the one true gospel for these other “gospels” that are distorting the true gospel of Christ. In verse 8, Paul states just how seriously we need to be taking the gospel. Even if an angel preaches something different than the true gospel of Christ, he should be cursed. The gospel of Jesus Christ is precious. It must not be distorted. It must not be perverted. In verse 10, Paul points out a truth that hit very close to home in the life of the Galatian Church. We are to always be seeking the approval of God rather than the approval of man. Unfortunately, this probably hits very close to home with many members of the Christian Church in 2021 as well. What we preach as truth, which subsequently dictates how we live, should be completely true to what the Bible says. This is to serve God alone, not man or one’s personal interests. Jesus came, lived a perfect life, died, and rose again to take the punishment for sinners. Therefore, whoever puts his or her faith in Jesus and surrenders his or her life to Him will be saved and spend eternity with God. This is the one, true gospel. There is no other gospel.

Apply:

1. What is the most abrupt action someone has ever taken to get your attention? Did it work? Why was this action necessary?
2. What are some examples of false gospels to which people turn today?
3. What is the true gospel? How can you recognize when you are hearing a false gospel?
4. Does there need to be a balance between reaching people with the gospel and pleasing people? Why or why not?
5. How can you reach the people with the gospel in the context in which you live?