



SESSION 1 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GOSPEL ALIGNMENT – NO OTHER GOSPEL

GET STARTED

- **What is the most recent piece of good news that you have received? Who shared it with you and why? What made this news good?**
- If you do a quick Google search, you will learn that the average person sees 3,000-10,000 ads a day. Whether we read, watch, or listen, we are bombarded with an overwhelming amount of information. **What makes something “good news” in contrast to advertising or information?**

TAKE IT IN

- Watch Session 1: Gospel Alignment at mynorthside.com/galatians. **What encouraged or challenged you from the video and/or daily study guide this week?**

TALK IT OVER

Read Galatians 1:1-10

- In just a few brief verses (v.3-5) Pauls packs in an enormous amount about the Gospel. **What do you learn about the Gospel from these verses? Of the truths Paul mentions, which are the most meaningful and encouraging (“Good News”) to you? Why?**
- The Judaizers taught that the Gentiles had to convert to Judaism and follow the Old Testament Law on top of placing their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. In verses 6-9, this is the “other” gospel Paul is referring to. **How does he describe this “other” gospel? Why do you think he chooses these strong words?**
- The Gospel is Jesus + nothing. It is the free undeserved grace given to us by God through faith in what Jesus Christ has done. A false gospel is anything that adds something to this Gospel. Here are 4 examples of false gospels.⁴
 1. We make something else besides faith in Christ necessary for salvation.
 2. We assume that it doesn’t matter what you believe so long as you are a sincere, loving, and good person.
 3. We try to grow ourselves spiritually through self-effort.
 4. We think we can produce spiritual change in other people.

⁴ Greear, J.D. (2012, Nov. 17), *Which of These False Gospels Do You Believe?*, www.jdgreear.com/.

Why are these false gospels not truly “good news”? What false gospels, bad teaching, or misconceptions about God have you believed? How did you come to understand and believe the truth about Jesus?

Read Galatians 1:11-24

- Paul shares his story of how he came to faith, and it is filled with course-correcting and alignment with the Gospel. **What do you learn about God working in Paul’s life before, during, and after encountering Jesus Christ? Knowing Paul’s story, what do you learn about grace, and in what ways can you relate?**
- Reflect back on your own story. **In a sentence or two, how would you describe your life before faith in Jesus Christ? In a sentence or two, how have you changed as a result of knowing Christ?**
- The first chapter of Galatians is a passionate plea from Paul to stay rooted in and aligned with the Gospel. **If someone asked you what the Gospel is, or what you believe, what would you say?**
- Verses 23-34 ends this chapter with people praising God over the Gospel impact in Paul’s life. **What are some practical ways you can live out the Gospel in your life so that people will praise God more?**

LIVE IT OUT

Think about the people in your life. Who do you know that struggles with the Gospel? Who might believe that God could never love them or that they’re too far gone? Will you commit to praying for this person? Pray that God will open their eyes to the truth of the Gospel and that they see Christ at work in and through you.

Daily Bible Study: Take 30 minutes each day to complete the daily study guide. Don’t think of it as homework, but relational time growing alongside your Heavenly Father. Your time with God will transform you and help encourage others. Come ready to discuss what you are learning at the next group session.

Memorize: *Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

– **Galatians 1:3-5**