

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY — Galatians 1:1–12

Theme: *Freedom in Christ and Staying True to the Gospel*

Main Idea:

True freedom is found only in the gospel of Jesus Christ. When we turn to other “gospels,” we lose sight of the grace that sets us free.

Opening Question

- What comes to mind when you hear the phrase “*freedom in Christ*”? How is it different from how the world defines freedom?
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Read Galatians 1:1–12 Together

Observation & Understanding

1. How does Paul introduce himself in verses 1–2, and why is his authority as an apostle important to his message?
 2. What problem is Paul addressing with the Galatian churches (vv. 6–7)?
 3. Paul speaks very strongly about those who distort the gospel. Why do you think he uses such intense language (vv. 8–9)?
 4. In verse 10, Paul contrasts pleasing people and pleasing God. What does this reveal about the nature of true gospel ministry?
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Reflection & Application

1. What “other gospels” might tempt believers today—ideas that distort the freedom Christ gives?
 2. How can even good things (traditions, cultural values, personal success) become substitutes for the true gospel?
 3. Paul insists that the gospel he preached came directly from Jesus (vv. 11–12). How does this truth give us confidence and freedom?
 4. What does it look like in daily life to “stand firm” in the gospel rather than drift toward legalism, performance, or self-reliance?
 5. How can we as a community help one another stay centered on the freedom we have in Christ?
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Prayer Focus

- Thank God for the gift of the gospel that brings true freedom.
- Ask the Spirit to reveal any “false gospels” or pressures that pull you away from grace.
- Pray for boldness to live and share the good news of Jesus with clarity and conviction.