

Sermon Scavenger Hunt Galatians 2:11-21

Think about it...Have you ever heard of a conflict between church leaders? What was it about, and how was it resolved?

Sermon Scavenger Hunt Questions...Listen to the sermon to discover answers to the following questions. Submit your answers for a prize!



1. True or False. "There is a good God who lives in a good place and in order to be with this good God in this good place we need to be good."
2. Read Galatians 2:11-21

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. ¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷"But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker. ¹⁹"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

3. When Peter, (aka Cephas), first arrived in Antioch he willingly and joyfully ate meals with Gentile Christians. Then a group of men from Jerusalem, who claimed to come from James, arrived in Antioch. We know from **Acts 15:1** this group of false teachers said, "Unless you are

circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” How did Peter change his behavior?

4. Why did Peter cave to peer pressure from these false teachers? (Hint: See Galatians 2:12).
5. Think of a time you gave in to peer pressure and acted against what you knew was right. What motivated you to do so?
6. How would holding to what Paul called “the truth of the gospel” affect the temptation to give in to peer pressure?
7. Why do you think Paul confronted Peter’s actions in public instead of quietly in person? (Hint: See Galatians 2:13).
8. Reread verse 19-20. When Paul was busy trying to save himself by obedience to the law, he was not able to “live for God.” How did God’s grace enable Paul to truly “live for God”?
9. Everything is different now that we put our faith in Jesus because we are actually new creations. Our legal status changes and our character changes! What happens to your old, sinful self when you put your trust in Christ? (Hint: See verse 20).
10. **In Galatians 2:20** Paul gives us the basics of the Christian Life a single verse. *“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* Find these 3 ideas hidden in verse 20 and underline them: Christ **with** me, Christ **in** me, and Christ **for** me.
11. Reread verse 21. If salvation is gained by all the good work we do, then God’s grace and Christ’s work on the cross wasn’t necessary. Paul helped Peter see this error by pointing out the basic gospel message, again. How might you respond to a friend who wrongly says, “Jesus saved me, and now I want to prove I am worthy of His forgiveness.”
12. Consider how you are tempted to try to earn God’s favor by your good actions. Rewrite the words to 1 John 4:16 on your hand with a Sharpie or just copy the words on this piece of paper, “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.”