



Gospel Confidence, Not Human Approval | Galatians 1:1-10

1. Did you make any New Year's resolutions for 2023? If 'yes', how are they going? How many of the about deepening your walk with Jesus? If 'no', why not? Did you thinking about New Year's resolution get challenged by Chris' New Year's Day message?
2. How would you define '*The Gospel*' to a not-yet-Christian? What are the key ingredients?
3. Define '*grace*'. Does '*grace*' feature in your answer to Q2? Why? Why not?
4. Read Galatians 1:1-21 so that you can see verses 6-10 in context. Are there any words, phrases or themes which stand out? Discuss them.
5. In Galatians, Paul mostly describes what the gospel '*is not*'. By contrast, in Romans, he mostly describes what the gospel '*is*'. How do Paul's words in Galatians 1 support (or not) the definitions you shared in Q2? Is anything missing from your definition or even from Paul's description?
6. Sensitively discuss financial bankruptcy vs the concept of spiritual bankruptcy. Is this a helpful comparison? How do they differ? Share with your group the moment/season you discovered your own sense of spiritual bankruptcy. What shortcuts or quick fixes had you tried before Jesus? Share.
7. How were the Galatians adding to the gospel, thus making it a false gospel? Are there areas in your own life where you might slip into historic (pre-Christ) ways of living?
8. Can you think of an occasion in your own walk of faith when you've consciously or sub-consciously added to the gospel? In short, have you subscribed to a false gospel for a season? Discuss.
9. In what ways have contemporary churches brought into a false gospel in full or in part? (This is an opportunity for an honest critique of church life, not an opportunity to church-bash CBC or any other church.)
10. Discuss ways, as individuals and as a small group, you might be able to grow your confidence in the Gospel. How does Gospel-confidence increase the effectiveness of our witness? Can you see how Paul's Gospel-confidence was a witness (see v24).