



**HOUSE** GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Galatians 1:11-24

**(Memory Verse)**

**Galatians 1:23-24 NKJV** - *23 But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God in me.*

**(Galatians 1:11-12):** **1** But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. **12** For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Question:** Why is it more important to understand what God says than what man says?

**Question:** What are the dangers of basing your faith in a man instead of God?

**Question:** Why do people pick, and choose things in the Bible to believe, and others to reject?

**Question:** How do you help someone who creates their own gospel, or their own way to heaven?

**Question:** How does the Gospel of Jesus differ from every other religion in the world?

**(Galatians 1:13-14):** **13** For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. **14** And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

**Question:** What do you tell someone who says, “I’ve tried the whole God thing, and it just didn’t work out for me?”

**Question:** How does a personal relationship with Jesus alter your life more than any self-help program?

**Question:** Why does attempting to change your behavior apart from Jesus *not* change who you are on the inside?

**Question:** What would you tell someone that feels like they’ve done too many bad things to follow Jesus?

**(Galatians 1:15-19):** **15** But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, **16** to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, **17** nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. **18** Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. **19** But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

**Question:** What does it mean to be *called through God’s grace*?

**Question:** How is Jesus revealed in our personal lives?

**Question:** What is the connection between Jesus being revealed in your personal life, and your sharing the Gospel with others.

**(Galatians 1:20-24):** **20** (Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.) **21** Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. **22** And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. **23** But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." **24** And they glorified God in me.

**Question:** Why would Satan seek to make people think that those preaching the Gospel are lying, and that there is no absolute truth?

**Question:** How is it especially important for a Christian to have a good reputation?

**Question:** What are some practical areas that a Christian can keep his reputation untarnished?

**Question:** What kind of effect did Paul's reputation proceeding him have on the Church?

**Question:** How does a Christian share their testimony?

**Question:** When does your life bring God glory?