SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **October 6, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Transformed Life."
Please read the sermon passage (Galatians 1:11-24) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (Galatians 1:11-24)

Sermon Outline:
1. The source of the Gospel is not you, so speak up under God's authority.
2. Your life, transformed by grace, will display the Gospel to your friends.
3. God gets the glory in the authentic Gospel. Not you, and not me.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. The world is full of invented religions. Humans did not invent the Gospel.   The proof of this comes in the form of the empty tomb and the risen "Founder" of Christianity. Do your friends engage with gracious conversations about the resurrection of Jesus? How can you bring conversations around to this topic?

2. How does the reality of the empty tomb stop you from trying to earn God's favor? What "work" or effort do you put forth in trying to make God happy? Why is that a mockery to the Gospel?

3. The Gospel is a message which helps us understand our desperate need for a Savior. Then, our transformed life helps display the reality and power of the Gospel to our friends. How has your life changed since you responded to God's call in Christ Jesus? How have your attitudes changed? How have your passions changed? How have your finances changed? How have your actions changed? How have your values changed?

4. God does not need celebrities to display his glory, though he may sometimes use notoriety. Paul was no Christian celebrity. He was simply a servant. The impact of his life began in his private, real relationship with God. In what ways has your personal life in Christ developed a servant's heart which is focused on the needs of others?

5. We need to aim our lives at "They praised God because of me," and away from, "They praised me because of God." Examine your motives. Where are you vulnerable to getting praise, rather than giving it to God? How have you developed safeguards against this?