

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY

October 20, 2013

Watch the video summary for the **October 20, 2013 sermon**, "Jesus + Nothing = Everything."
Read the sermon passage together out loud: [Galatians 2:1-10](#)

Discussion Questions

1. What in this passage or in the sermon stuck out to you or challenged you?
2. Paul was concerned with preserving the gospel for future generations. In what ways can we work toward gospel-preservation today? What challenges do we face?
3. Read Acts 15:1. This is the message that Paul was fighting against in Galatians 2:1-10. The root issue is the danger of *adding our own works* to the work of Christ, aka *legalism*. We may not rely on circumcision for our salvation, but what are some things we are prone to adding to the gospel today?
4. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. If it is true that salvation does not depend on us *at all*, why do we struggle with legalism and relying on our own works so much? What do these verses teach us about the freedom we have in Christ? What motivation do Christians have for doing good works if it's *not* to earn God's favor (and it's not.)?
5. Jerram Barrs says that "each one of us has a Pharisee in our own hearts, a Pharisee who needs regular rebuke." Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. Author Philip Ryken observes that the things we add to the gospel are usually *good* things in themselves. How can we avoid the danger of turning those *good* things into *ultimate* things? What can we do to resist legalism?
7. In verses 6-10 of our passage, Paul demonstrates the unity that comes from the gospel. In what ways can we grow in unity today? What obstacles do we face?
8. Consider the statement: "When you approach the cross, it is impossible to feel superior to anyone else." Do you agree? Why or why not? What would our church look like if *no one* felt superior to anyone else and everyone looked to the needs of others before their own (Philippians 2:3-8)? How can we get there?

As you pray, ask God to give your group a renewed sense of his grace and the strength to sacrificially love and serve those around you.