



Sermon Discussion Questions

Galatians 1:6-10 // If You Can't Please Everyone

- Pastor Joey said we're studying Galatians in order to learn to live out the gospel in a diverse, pagan, polytheistic world where we feel political, social, ethnic, and religious pressure on all sides. What do you hope to learn from this book study?
- Does knowing that faithfulness to God won't make everyone happy paralyze you, or free you?
- Galatians 1:10, read superficially, seems to say that Paul (and every believer, including us) has a choice: either please people or please God. How did Pastor Joey reframe that question for us?
- Paul was accused of being a "people-pleaser," someone who softened the requirements of religious devotion to God in order to make it easier for pagans to come to Jesus. In what ways are we tempted to do the same thing? How? Why?
- Galatians 1:10 contains the rhetorical question, "does the way I'm talking sound to you like I'm trying to earn people's approval? Or convince God to approve of me?" What are the different ways we try to earn God's approval?
- Pastor Joey mentioned four different things we tend to hold on to to prove to God that he should approve of us: religious practice, moral perfection, theological acumen, and a willingness to fight for God. Which one is most tempting to you? Why?

- Pastor Joey said “our only basis for approval from God is what Jesus did on our behalf.” Do you agree? How does trusting that affect the rest of your life?
- Pastor Joey also said “there’s a difference between acting in a way that pleases God *so that* he’ll accept you and acting in a way that pleases God *because* he accepts you.” What happens when we mess that up?
- What will you and your community do this week to help you rest in the approval you already have from God, because of Jesus?

