



Sermon Discussion Questions

Galatians 1:11-2:14 // Let Me Tell You A Story...

- One of the main themes of Paul's letter to the Galatians is the issue of authority. From what you remember of the background of this letter, how is his authority being questioned and undermined?
- Read Paul's Damascus Road experience in Acts 9:1-22. How does that experience connect with Paul's words in Galatians 1:11-17?
- Why is it significant for the argument Paul's making that he only met with Peter and James on his first trip to Jerusalem?
- When Paul (along with Barnabas and Titus) traveled to Jerusalem and presented their formulation of the good news to the Jerusalem church leaders, how did those leaders respond? Why is that significant?
- Why is circumcision and uncircumcision such a big deal in the early church? Why is it not really a big deal now?
- Paul seemed to be really concerned with "table manners," whether Jews and Gentiles could eat at the same table or not. What was really at stake?
- Pastor Joey described the social and political background of what was going on in the churches and broader culture. How does that background help us understand this letter?
- Jewish Christians in Paul's day were interested in drawing the line of who's in and who's out at the point of living a true Jewish lifestyle. Where (and how) do we tend to draw the lines today?

- What kinds of people do you tend to feel don't really belong in the category "real Christians" because they act or believe in a different way? Are those appropriate lines, or inappropriate ones?
- Do you tend to judge the truth of your own faith in Jesus by your actions, by how well you're toeing the moral line? As an alternative, what would resting in the faithfulness of Jesus look like for you?

