



Sermon Discussion Questions

Galatians 5:7-12 // Cutting In

- From reading Galatians, do you get the sense that Paul is frustrated with the churches in the region? Do you think that frustration is warranted?
- Pastor Joey said that we have to maintain the sharpness of the gospel so it can cut deeply into our own lives. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- In what ways have you seen the gospel dulled or blunted in your own life?
- In Galatians 5:7-12 Paul uses a variation on the word “persuaded” three times (in the ESV it’s “obeyed” in vs. 7, “persuasion” in verse 8, and “have confidence” in verse 10). How does being persuaded of something’s truthfulness lead to living in light of that truth?
- Why does Paul insist that “circumcision” and “no-circumcision” are not both valid viewpoints about which good Christians can disagree?
- Why does Paul appeal to his own wounds, his persecution, as evidence that what he says is true? Is that evidence valid?
- How is the cross an “offense” to the Jews? How is the cross offensive to us?
- Pastor Joey listed three ways the cross is offensive to modern, Western Americans: in what it means to be good enough on our own, in who we belong to, and in what our lives should look like. In which area do you tend to “blunt” the sharpness of the gospel the most?

- If we aren't enough on our own and need to be rescued, how does the truth of that rescuing play out in the rest of our lives?
- If we don't belong to ourselves, but belong to God, how does that belonging play out in the rest of our lives?
- If we don't pursue happiness as the "normal" Christian life, but instead embrace suffering on behalf of others as Jesus did, how does that play out in the rest of our lives?
- What will you and your community (family, community group, etc.) do this week to invite the gospel to cut deeply into your own life?

