

CONNECT Group study questions for Nov. 17, 2019
“Focus on the Facts or Fall to Fiction”

1. Read Galatians 1:1-10. There were people in Galatia called the Judaizers who were preaching a false gospel. Their claim was that you have to become Jewish by obeying the Old Testament law codes in order to be saved.

- According to Paul in Galatians 1:1-10, what is the true gospel?
- Why do you think the Galatians found the false gospel of the Judaizers so enticing?
- What are some of the false gospels of today that modern people find so enticing? Why?

2. As we study Galatians over the next two months, you'll notice that Paul is very aggressive in the way he writes in this letter. Many scholars have described his tone as "angry"! For example, Paul doesn't begin this letter with his normal greeting of thanksgiving. Instead, he begins with "I am astonished that you have so quickly abandoned Jesus!" And Paul doesn't end the letter with his normal benediction. He ends with "From now on let none of you trouble me!" Paul is rightly very upset that so many people have been duped by a false gospel.

- According to Galatians 1, why are false gospels so dangerous?
- Why do you think Paul uses such strong language about false gospels in Galatians 1?

3. The book of Galatians is Paul's call for the Galatians to return to the true gospel of Christ.

- What are our best defenses against getting duped by false teachers?
- How can we train to recognize the true gospel from false gospels to keep those false gospels out of our lives?

4. Brainstorm with your group how you all could work together to help someone you know who has believed a false gospel to hear the true gospel and be saved.