

Freedom Week 2

Why We Believe the Gospel – Galatians 1:11-2:10

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Small Groups - Bethany Church Long Beach

Intro:

- What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?
- What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Galatians 1:10-24

What does Paul tell us about his life before becoming a Christian?

How did he become a Christian?

What did he do after becoming a Christian?

In light of who Paul was before meeting Jesus, what is amazing, and wonderful, about verses 15-16a?

In the group share your God-story

What was your life like before you became a Christian?

How did you become a Christian?

How has your life changed since becoming a Christian?

Take time to pray and celebrate God’s amazing grace in your lives.

In what ways does the gospel give people freedom that “earn-your-salvation” religions don’t?

Why was it important for Paul to protect this freedom? What would happen if he didn’t?

In the end Paul and the apostles in Jerusalem agreed that the gospel set people free apart from the works of the law. As they sent Paul and Barnabas off they encouraged them to remember the poor.

Read Leviticus 12:22 and Deuteronomy 15:7-8.

How were God’s people in the land of Israel to treat the poor among them?

Read 1 John 3:16-17 and 2 Corinthians 8:8-15

How are God's people today to treat the poor among us? What examples does 2 Corinthians give us?

Read Matthew 5:43-48 and 25:31-46

What does caring for the poor, and not caring for the poor, show about us?

Why is it right that the apostles made it a priority to agree to "remember the poor" (**Galatians 2:10**)?

How does this challenge you individually, and as a local church?

Pray and ask God:

To help you remember the freedom you walk in

To make you truly committed to pleasing Him and serving His people.