

# † FREEDOM

A NINE-PART SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 3 (October 9-25) THE TRUE TRUTH WORTH FIGHTING FOR

### WELCOME.

Welcome to our DGroup! This is week 3 of our series, FREEDOM. Today, we explore Paul's interactions with the apostles in Jerusalem, demonstrating that his gospel message was consistent with theirs and that he was recognized as a fellow apostle. We will see how the importance of vigilance to guard the truth of the Gospel, as well as unity and consistency around the gospel message, showing that the apostles' teaching all aligned and originated from a shared, divinely revealed source and is worth defending.

### WORSHIP.

**Sing:** *CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED* (Cody Carnes)

### WORD.

**Introduction:** In Galatians 2, Paul recounts that truth that we are justified by faith alone, not by anything we do. He also recounts how he and the apostle Peter had a sharp disagreement on the matter of grace and law, and how the gospel is truly worth fighting for, but also worth uniting towards!

**Scripture:** GALATIANS chapter 2

#### Dig Deep into God's Word:

1. In verse 1-2, after 14 years of serving as a missionary, Paul goes to Jerusalem with Barnabas along with a Greek convert named, Titus. According to verse 2, what was Paul's reason for going to Jerusalem?
2. In verse 2, we can surmise that Paul honored his accountability to the other apostles, who want to make sure that there is consistency of the Gospel message among all the apostles. What does this teach us about the importance of accountability to the body, unity in the Spirit and consistency in our message? Read John 17:20-23.
3. Who was Titus and what was the controversy that Paul and Barnabas defended him from in verses 3-5?
4. In verses 6 to 10, we find how the apostles had different assignments but were united in their mission to preach the same gospel. It seems that in the eyes of the apostles, they were all equal in their roles and task. In a world of unhealthy comparisons, what does this teach us about unity and pursuing God's individual assignments for us?
5. In verse 11, we find the apostles Peter and Paul found themselves in a confrontation. What was the reason for this confrontation in verses 12 to 13?
6. How did Paul feel about the situation in verses 14 to 18? What does this teach us about standing for the truth?

### WORK.

#### Apply God's Word:

1. The key verses of this chapter are 20-21. What does this teach us on a spiritual level about how we live our lives as followers of Jesus? How does spiritual living translate into the practical day-to-day living?

2. Pastor Jon said in his sermon: *"The gospel is a truth worth fighting for, but it's also truth we're called to unite under."* What does this entire passage teach us about our unity as a body, our accountability to one another and contending for the gospel?
3. When Paul disagreed with Peter over the message of the gospel, the two did not *agree to disagree*. Paul made sure to convince Peter to be consistent with the Gospel. Pastor Jon mentioned: *"When it comes to minor teachings, we can have differing opinions. But when it comes to the Gospel, we must be united and consistent."* Why is this important?
4. In verses 8 to 10, we see how God assigns His servants to reach certain groups. Who do you think has God assigned you to reach?