

Saved by Faith Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. If you could be great at one Olympic sport, which one would you choose?
2. What do you like to do to relax?

Read the following passage: Galatians 1:1-5.

The central theme of Paul's letter to the Galatians is that the salvation that every human being needs comes through faith in Jesus Christ. As Paul emphasizes both in Galatians and in many of his other letters, this salvation has profound implications for many of the problems that plague human existence: injustice, tribalism, identity, mental health, and the search for meaning.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Why did we need someone from the outside to “rescue us from the present evil age?” What does it mean to be saved by faith?
2. How might reflection on the cross produce humility in our lives?
3. Read Galatians 3:26-29. How do Paul's comments push against tribalism?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. How did Paul's commitment to Christ impact how he related to different people groups?
5. Paul extends grace to his readers at the beginning of each of one of his New Testament letters. How would you define grace? How does the grace of God help us deal with universal challenges like fear, anxiety, comparison, jealousy, and unforgiveness?
6. Read 1 Peter 4:10. How can healthy community help us experience God's grace?

Pray