

OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

IDENTITY THROUGH THE CROSS

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GALATIANS 2:11-21

Introduction

The _____ Markers

The _____ Death

- We gotta die _____.
- We gotta die _____.

3. The New Me

- Christ
- I
- Faith

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

ICEBREAKER: Imagine that you are introducing yourself to someone. What are three things you might say about yourself (other than faith-related identifiers)?

1. This sermon opens with a pitch for memorizing the passage's key verse. When was the last time you memorized a Bible verse (or passage)? List 3 or 4 reasons why memorizing Scripture would be beneficial. (Consider downloading the NavsTMS app.)
2. Read Galatians 2:11-14. Summarize the story alluded to in these verses. Why was Peter's behavior so surprising? (Hint: Recall what he learned from his encounter with Cornelius in Acts 10.) Why did Peter's behavior pose a danger to the Gospel, according to vv.15, 16?
3. Peter put too much emphasis on Jewish identity markers, such as a kosher food diet and circumcision. What are a few of the primary markers with which people identify themselves today?
4. What's the harm in making these identity markers a top priority (multiple answers)? What are some of the benefits of making a relationship with Jesus your primary identity marker (multiple answers)?
5. Read Galatians 2:19, 20. In what sense are we to die to God's law? Why is this a good idea? (Hint: See the last line of v.16, as well as Romans 3:10, 23.) What would you say to someone who feels that seeing themselves as a sinner is too negative a perspective (i.e. what are the positives of this viewpoint)?
6. Read Romans 6:6. How would you define the "old self" that Paul says needs to be crucified with Christ? If you are a Christ follower, what are some aspects of your old self that were crucified (or are still being crucified) with Christ? How does this make you feel?
7. Reread Galatians 2:20. Some of Paul's antagonists objected to his teaching about salvation by arguing that if it all depends on surrendering to Christ by faith, a person will then live as they please with no sense of moral responsibility. How does Paul's emphasis on "Christ" in v.20 refute this objection? (Hint: See II Corinthians 5:17.)
8. What repeated word in Galatians 2:20 underscores the fact that "Christ lives in me" doesn't make a person a robot? Explain. What are some of the uniquenesses with which God designed you?
9. What's so silly about the popular slogan: "You can be anything you want to be"? Why is it better to receive your identity from Christ than try to create it yourself (multiple answers)?
10. Read James 2:19. Does believing the right facts about God/Jesus save a person? Explain. What does the word "faith" in Galatians 2:20 mean (according to the sermon)? Why do we use the word "surrender" to describe saving faith at Christ Community Church?
11. What are some ways in which you could daily keep in mind your "in Christ" identity, and what difference would that make in your life?