

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.

Jesus + _____ = Salvation?

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Lesson #3 - Galatians - REAFFIRMING YOUR CALL

INTRODUCTION

Are you doing now, what you trained to do when you were at age 21? Explain?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Gal 1:11-12

Note: Revelation in the Scriptures is more than having an insightful thought or an “aha!” experience. God has revealed himself through general revelation in the physical universe, through special revelation in the Bible, and in the sending of his Son to earth. Most evangelicals believe that God’s special revelation is complete in the Bible.¹ When our credibility is attacked, perhaps our best defense is our consistently changed life as a result of our personal relationship with Christ.

1. What did Paul want the Galatians to know? Why?

Read Act 9:1-9

2. What was Paul’s purpose in traveling 150 miles to Damascus? What does this tell us about Paul?

3. What happened to Paul along the way? How did the men who were traveling with Paul respond?

Read Act 9:18-22

4. What happened when Ananias obeyed God?

5. What was the expectation of Paul when he went into the synagogue? What did Paul do? The people?

Read Gal 1:13-24

6. Why was it important for Paul to reestablish his motivation and credentials to the Galatians?

7. What were the three things Paul said that God did for him? For what purpose? (vv.15, 16)

8. Why did the Galatians need to understand that he was not just passing on second-hand information to them?

9. Why do you think Paul went to Arabia for three years before going to Jerusalem? (Luke 24:27)

10. How does this validate Paul’s claim to be an apostle (v.1)?

11. Why was it significant for Paul to say that his writing was not a lie?

12. How do *you* decide if someone is preaching the truth?

APPLICATION

How would you describe your personal call from God? How would you reaffirm it?

But the Lord said, “Go and do what I say. For Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. And I will show him how much he must suffer for me.”
Act 9:15, 16

Just as a country can remain free only because of the courage of its people to defend it, even so Christians can remain free only by defending the freedom of grace. The law leads to bondage, while grace leads to freedom.²

^{1 2} Anders, M. (1999). *Vol. 8: Galatians-Colossians*. Holman New Testament Commentary; Holman Reference (13, 14). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

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