



July 11th Discussion Guide

Free From Fear of Rejection - Galatians 2:11-21

This is a 5 week study in the Book of Galatians. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

Go around the group and share fears or phobias each person may have. (i.e. snakes, heights, etc)



Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Galatians 2:11-13.
 - a. What was Paul saying about Cephas (Peter)?
 - b. How had Peter denied what God had shown him (Acts 10-11) and gone back to his old ways?
 - c. Why had Peter done that (vs. 12)?
2. Fear of rejection sometimes causes Christians to live double lives of people-pleasing and hypocrisy. Discuss ways you see this in the church? In your own life?
3. Read Galatians 2:14 and Ephesians 4:15.
 - a. What was the first thing Paul did to resolve this problem?
 - b. Have you ever had someone confront you about something wrong you were doing? What were the results?
4. Read Galatians 2:15-18.
 - a. How did Paul's sharing of the gospel explain how Peter had been led astray?
 - b. How does the fact that "a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ" speak truth into your own fears of rejection? Who else needs to hear this "truth in love"?
5. Read Galatians 2:19-21 (see also John 15:3-5).
 - a. How did Paul explain how he was breaking free of his old ways?
 - b. What things do you do on a regular basis to keep your connection and reliance on Jesus? How have these activities helped you? Where do you still need to grow in this area?

Application question: What is one aspect of your life where you follow the law or the crowd because of fear of rejection instead of living with freedom in Christ? What will you do this week to break free from this through the grace of God?

Closing Prayer

LORD, you died for our freedom! Help us break free from our double lives and allow us to live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. Apart from You we can do nothing.