

## Keeping the main thing the main truth!


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There was no-one greater than Paul when it came to living by the law, and no one less likely to embrace the gospel of grace. A rigid Pharisee, a fanatical persecutor of the church, he was headed for a high position amongst the religious elite. Then he met Jesus, he encountered the truth, and his life would be headed in a totally different direction.

Paul's calling was to share the gospel, primarily, with the Gentiles, a task unthinkable for any everyday Jew. Yet that was his calling, appointed by God himself.

It seems however, that Paul had a following, not only of sincere believers, but also by a group of troublemakers called 'Judaizers'. They challenged Paul's ministry and brought into question Paul's insistence that salvation was through grace alone and through faith alone.

The challenges to Paul's ministry grew and eventually things came to a head as Paul went to Jerusalem to meeting with the church leaders there and to put forward his case.

 **Ice Breaker:** Have you ever been in a situation when you had to make a stand for something that you knew was right, even though you faced opposition?

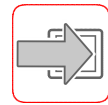
 **UP:** Spend some time in worship: You might like to choose a song to play or plan an alternative act of worship that is appropriate to your group.

 **UP:** Looking at God's word together:  
**Read: Galatians 2:1-10**

### Discussion Questions

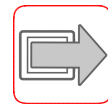
1. Why do you think that Paul was so misunderstood by the Judaizers?
2. Why did he take Titus along to Jerusalem?
3. Why was circumcision such a hot potato?
4. What are the key elements of the gospel?
5. What does verse 10 tell us about the practical outworking of the gospel?

6. Paul asserted the truth, regardless of the consequences. What challenges do we face as we hold on to the truth of the gospel?



**IN:** Spend some time in prayer.

- Pray for our missionary links.
- Pray for the financial challenges faced by the church.
- Pray for the leadership team as they seek wisdom in leading the church.
- Pray that we all might grow to know Jesus more and gain a passion to make Him known to others.



**OUT:** Why does the truth of the gospel matter so much?