

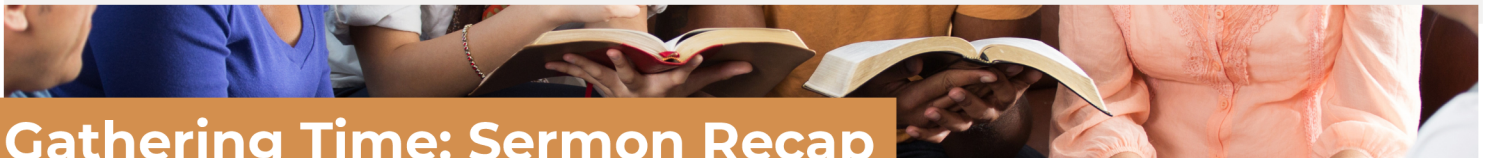
How to Use This Guide:

- **Read the Sermon Recap** by yourself (for devotions) or with your group. You can also watch the sermon on YouTube @CBCFamily.
- **Read the passage/s.** Look for truths, promises, and/or commands. Try to find the “who, what, when, where, why, and how.”
- **Group Time:** First, take turns reading the Scripture passage/s from the sermon, round-robin style, letting each person read one verse. Go around the circle until the whole passage has been read. Then, **utilize the Group Time** portion of this 4G Guide.

What's a 4G? A guide that covers:

1. Gathering Time (Sunday morning)
2. Group Time (for group meetings)
3. God Times (personal and family devotions)
4. Give Time (a prompt for reflection)

- **Personal God Time:** Use these each day to dive into the passages further and challenge yourself to apply the texts.
- **Family God Time:** Use these each week to dive into the passages with your family.
- **Give Time:** Ask your group, yourself, or your family what might be a good response to the sermon or text? How are you inspired to give of your time, talent, or treasure?



Gathering Time: Sermon Recap

Galatians - Paul's Credibility

Today, Greg gave his second sermon from the Book of Galatians. He preached from Galatians 1:10-2:2; 2:9; and Acts 9: 1-9 and 17-20.

Like we learned last week, Paul wrote to the Galatian churches to correct false teaching. Trying to earn salvation by keeping the Mosaic Law goes together like chocolate and pickles; it doesn't work! We are set free from the demands of Law and are unified in Christ Jesus when we trust Him alone for salvation. Paul jumps straight from that topic into a talking about himself. Why?

Paul wants the Galatians to know that his correction and teachings are authoritative. He dives into a testimony of both his salvation and his God-given, apostolic authority. His word bears weight! Most importantly, he didn't receive the message of truth from just anyone—he got it from God, Himself!

Paul's conversion changed him. Acts 9 records his transformation from violent persecutor to follower of Christ. It's a miraculous change!

This story of radical transformation is important, and Paul knows it. It lends credibility to Paul and his message. In addition to the reminder of his authority, Paul knows that the Galatians need to be reminded of the change that God can work in people by His grace alone. Only God is able to save and sanctify His children!

What does this passage teach us? First, it serves to remind us to ask ourselves if we aim to please God or man. Following God is always the right answer! Second, this passage shows how God transforms lives. If you are a Believer, God has changed you from what you were and/or what you could be. Does God guide your words and actions? And third, this passage reminds us that a changed life causes others to glorify God. Can others glorify God because of you?

Like Paul, our words and actions should lend to the credibility of our message. In other words, our testimony should be one that shows the power of the gospel of grace!

Conversation Starter

Ask: Have you ever dealt with a salesman who said one thing, but whose actions showed another? Did you buy what they were selling?

Discussion Questions

Choose a track, mix and match, or do them all.

- **Track 1:** This passage is important. After hearing the sermon, why would you say that is?
- Why was Paul's Apostolic authority so important for the Galatians to understand, especially given the context we learned about last week?
- Why are both words and deeds crucial to someone's testimony? Pray for one another about this.

- **Track 2:** Why might some nonbelievers struggle to accept a wayward Christian's testimony? What can Christians do about this?
- What can we learn from Paul about people-pleasing? Should we never please people?
- How has your life changed because of God?

- **Track 3:** Who do you glorify God because of?
- Who might be glorifying God because of you? (Where are you working or serving?)
- Who are you declaring the Good News to? Who are you demonstrating God's love to? Are you making disciples? How can your group do this collectively?



God Time: Personal

Use the sermon notes from our Gathering Time this week for your personal time with God. Use a spare notebook or your favorite device to journal your responses. Include prayer and application in your time with God!

- **Monday:** Read Gal 1:10. What stands out to you? Journal about it.
- **Tuesday:** Read Gal 1:11-12. Where does Paul get his authority? Why are these words so important, considering the dilemma?
- **Wednesday:** Read Gal 1:13-17. How has your life changed because of God? Or (if you were saved at a very young age) how is your life holier than what it could be?
- **Thursday:** Read Gal 1:18-21. How does this passage support what Paul explained in verses 11 and 12? How important is credibility in the life of a Believer?
- **Friday:** Reread Gal 1:22-2:2. Do others glorify God because of you? Pray about this. Ask God if there is a place you should be serving or sharing the gospel.



God Time: Family

Parents: Familiarize yourself with sermon recap from our Gathering Time. Sum it up in a way your child can understand.

- Consider **reading** Galatians 1:11-16 aloud from an easy version like the ERV.
- Give a **summary** statement like, "Paul had done bad things, but God loved him anyway. God chose Paul to stop doing bad things and to go and share Jesus to people who had never heard of Him! God changed Paul's heart, and Paul obeyed God and shared Jesus. People believed God because God had changed Paul's life!"
- **Ask:** Who needs to hear about Jesus?
- **Say:** God can help us share Jesus!
- **Activity:** Set up a domino fall. (You can also use blocks or hardback books.) Have one of your kids tell the first domino about Jesus, then push it over to let it "share" with the domino behind it. Soon, everyone knows the gospel! Watch the impact of sharing Jesus. Play as many times as your kids like.

Give: *How does this week's sermon inspire you to give of your time, talent, or treasure?*