

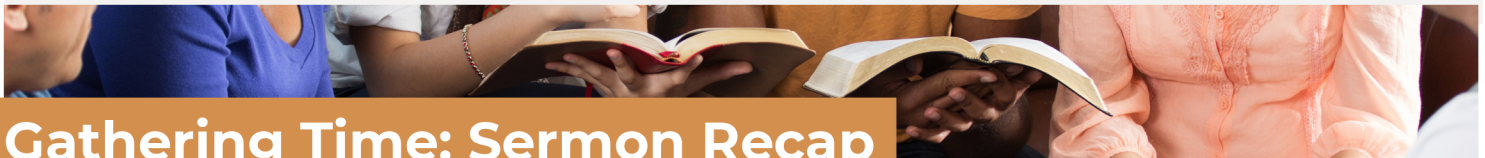
## How to Use This Guide:

- **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 - Stand Firm

Today, Greg gave his third sermon from the Book of Galatians. He preached from Galatians 2:11-21 and 1 Peter 3:15

Like we learned last week, Paul wrote to the Galatian churches to correct false teaching. Judaizers had entered the church and taught falsely that salvation could be earned by obeying the Mosaic Law.

In today's passage, Paul corrected Peter. At first glance, it seems like a lunchroom drama. However, the issue was much bigger. Peter ate with the believing Gentiles until certain Jews came around. Peter was afraid of their criticism, so he separated himself from the Gentiles. But this meant he wasn't standing firm in the truth of the gospel. Paul firmly, but lovingly called Peter out. No one could obey all the Jewish laws perfectly, so why would Peter want to go back to those ways and take others with him? Even for a moment?

No, salvation is by grace through faith, not by keeping the rules perfectly. Paul wanted to set

the record straight! Paul then went into detail about justification (or being made right with God), which is another way to describe salvation. He explained that it does not come by works of the Law, but through faith alone.

What does this mean for us? First, we must remember our why— what matters most in our faith. When we remember the essentials truths of the faith, it helps prevent wandering from that truth or giving in to the temptation to fit in. The most important essential of the faith is that we have been saved by grace through faith. Nothing more, nothing less.

We also need to stand firm in our beliefs. When we remember our why, we must stand for it firmly, but with gentleness and respect. We also learn to let go of the non-essentials. After all, people matter more than the color of the walls or that someone sat in “our” seat.

What steps do you need to take to walk in gospel truth? Do you need to stand firm? Do you need to let go of non-essentials?

# Group Time: Questions

## Conversation Starter

Ask: Have you ever had to stand up for something that you believed in? What happened? How did you handle the situation?

## 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 the confrontation with Peter so important to Paul's correction of this false teaching? Do you see firmness in Paul mixed with gentleness and respect?
- What was Peter's temptation? Have you ever struggled with hypocrisy?

- **Track 2:** Some people say that most of us are prone to become legalistic or to abuse grace. What is your tendency? Pray for one another.

- This was an essential issue. Why? (vv. 14-16)
- How is it freeing to know that you can't earn salvation?

- **Track 3:** Do you have non-essentials that you need to let go of? What are they?

- What is the "why" of gospel truth? How can keeping the truth before you help you persevere in your faith and service?

- Do you need to take a stand for truth? Where? (E.g., work, home, etc.) Pray for one another.



## 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 2:11-12. What stands out to you? Journal about it.
- **Tuesday:** Read Gal 2:13-14. What was their conduct not in step with? By making his choice, how was Peter (even accidentally) encouraging the Gentiles to live?
- **Wednesday:** Read Gal 2:15-16. Mark what stands out. Focus on verse 16. This verse is worth memorizing. What do works *not* earn us?
- **Thursday:** Read Gal 2:17-19. Paul preached that the Mosaic Law had been "torn down" through Christ. If Paul tried to rebuild it, what would that prove?
- **Friday:** Read Gal 2:20-21. For what purpose did Christ die? How can you live for Him today? Who will you share Him with?



## 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 2:16 aloud from an easy version like the ERV.
- Give a **summary** statement like, "Paul was teaching people how to get right (or be friends) with God. Paul explained that trusting in Jesus makes someone right with God—not following a bunch of rules!"
- **Ask:** Do rules make us friends with God?
- **Say:** Anyone can be friends with God by trusting in Jesus.
- **Activity:** Put one cookie or treat per player on the kitchen counter. Tell everyone that they can have a cookie later because you love them. Then play a game or two of "Mother May I?" Next, eat the cookies. Explain that the cookies weren't earned by following the rules of the game. They were just a gift of love—like how being friends with God is by trust, not by following rules.

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