

Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email info@revolutionky.org.

Series Synopsis

Easter is here and spring has sprung! There are signs of new life all around us. So how do we continue to live into the hope of Christ and the promise of the coming Kingdom now? How do we continue in hope with our changed hearts and changed lives when the world remains largely... unchanged? Join us this spring as we explore how to live in freedom, joy, hope, and peace now through a study of Galatians and a focus on the only thing that really matters... our faith in Christ working through love.

Message Synopsis

It is human nature to get distracted or divided by things that are not essential. From the beginning of the church, Christians too have struggled to keep the main thing the main thing: faith in Jesus expressing itself through love in the world. The followers of Jesus in Galatia were no different, disagreeing over what role the Hebrew law should play in their Judeo-Christian communities regarding food, circumcision, and observance of holy days. Paul not-so-gently reminds Peter and other pillars of the church that their conduct is not "in step with the truth of the gospel." That is; you are justified by faith and that faith alone, not by the works of the law. That's it. It is this faith in Jesus that must be expressed in love and that which allows them to be one community together.

Key Scriptures

Galatians 2:11-20

Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. What are some "other things" that Christians have been known for throughout Church history?
2. What lesser traditions do you think Christians are most known for today?
3. What is at stake when priority or emphasis is placed on these other traditions and practices?
4. How can a community best discern whether their practice, worship, and action are "in step with the truth of the gospel"?
5. What freedom and grace can you offer yourself this week to remember that it is for freedom, that you have been set free?

Worship Together

Video: "Israel & New Breed - Jesus At the Center (Live Performance)" (11 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cF8IfktCgqk>

Take some time to worship together as a group this week. Listen to the song in a spirit of prayer and sing along if you'd like. Then discuss:

1. What does this song mean to you personally? Did God speak to you through this song in any way?
2. What are the "other things" that have made you forget this message lately? These may be "other things" in life, but also may be aspects of your faith and mission that have clouded the priority of relationship with Jesus and faith expressing itself through love.
3. How does this song apply to your life in the context of all the "other things" of Christianity and the Church? How can you live this message out in the context of your group, your community, your job, your family, and your church?
4. Now take some time to pray together. Repent of the "other things" that have taken priority and ask God to be the center again, in each of the areas listed in question 2.

Lyrics

Jesus at the center of it all
Jesus at the center of it all
From beginning to the end
It will always be, it's always been You, Jesus
Jesus

CHORUS

Nothing else matters
Nothing in this world will do
Jesus You're the center
And everything revolves around You
Jesus, You

Jesus be the center of my life
Jesus be the center of my life
From beginning to the end
It will always be, it's always been You, Jesus
Oh, Jesus

BRIDGE

From my heart to the Heavens
Jesus be the center
It's all about You
Yes it's all about You

Jesus be the center of your church
Jesus be the center of your church
From beginning to the end
It will always be, it's always been You, Jesus
Oh, Jesus