

Galatians: The Letter that Saved the Church, Week 1

January 31, 2021

Reflect + Discuss

- What groups, or "tribes," do you see yourself belonging to? What have you found yourself doing in order to blend in?
- Read Acts 11:1-3. Why were the believers in Jerusalem upset? What was the typical attitude of first-century Jews toward Gentiles?
- Read Galatians 1:1-10. What stands out to you from the text? What questions do you have? What was this "different gospel" that caused confusion and division among the Galatians?
- What sort of requirements do you hear added to the gospel today ("In order to be a true Christian, you must...")? What sort of requirements might you have unconsciously added to the gospel? Where do you think those ideas came from?
- Charles talked about how Paul wrote his letter to the Galatians to confront the problem of ethnic hostility. In what ways might his letter still be relevant to us today?
- Why is it important to learn about the struggles of the early church?

Dig Deeper

- To learn more of the backstory of the book of Galatians, read Acts 10, 11, and 15. How does reading these chapters shed light on what was going on in the letter to the Galatians?
- Watch the Bible Project Video about the [book of Galatians](#).

Pray

Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you, open your heart, and show you how to apply God's word as you read through the book of Galatians over the coming weeks.

Next Steps

Choose one tool, or resource, that you'd like to use this week to get the most out of reading Galatians. Share with your group or a friend which one you plan on trying.

- Read through the entire book of Galatians on one sitting this week. What do you observe? What are your questions?
- Register for the [Study Galatians with Charles Yu](#) weekly webinar.
- Subscribe to the [Blackhawk Church podcast](#) and listen to the weekly reflection episode on Wednesday morning.