



MESSAGE SERIES GUIDE

Timberlake Church

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Rethinking Religion
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FOR LEADER:

In preparation for group discussion, take a few minutes to read through the scriptures and discussion questions

MESSAGE RECAP:

Pastor Rick told us that the church in Galatia had strayed away from what Paul had taught them. The church in Galatia placed rules and regulations on top of what Jesus said about grace, and Paul wanted to make sure the church in Galatia truly understood grace.

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SCRIPTURE TO READ:

Ephesians 4:4-6, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 2:21 (NIV)

ADDITIONAL:

Galatians 2:19 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Consider how you understand the Gospel for a moment, and then share with the group what you believe the Gospel is?
2. Now consider for a moment what the church is, and then share with the group what you believe the church is?
3. Read Ephesians 4:4-6 (NIV). Paul here is trying to speak into a challenge the church in Ephesus was facing. Do you see any similar challenges that are facing the church today? If so, what are those challenges?
4. How can your own personal walk with God help address those same challenges?
5. Paul was constantly encouraging the church in Galatia to see that they had mixed their previous Jewish faith practices with the Gospel they had received. What previous belief systems and practices are you possibly bringing into your faith today? (Example: previously part of a legalist faith, now a believer in grace, but still struggle with legalist practices)
6. Read Galatians 2:19 (NIV). How does one die to the law?
7. Briefly describe what the *law* is.
8. Do you believe the law is good? If so, how can the law be good for your life as a Christian?
9. How can the law be a hindrance or a distractor from your life as a Christian?
10. Many times we believe following the rules will equal a positive turn out for us. How does grace completely ruin that thinking?
11. Read Galatians 2:21 (NIV). What is righteousness, and how do you obtain it?
12. Why would you want to obtain righteousness?
13. Consider the battle you face every day in struggling to follow the law and be good enough. What do you need to do to put that battle away, and receive the grace of God?