BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION GUIDE

Galatians Chapter 1

After reading the introduction to chapter one of Galatians, answer these questions: Loyalty isn't something we often think of or about with our family or friends. Yet, it is something we expect. Who would you say are the most loyal people in your life? Why do you feel they are this way?

Read Galatians 1:1-8 and the study note. In these verses, Paul shares about who is preaching the Word of God. Who is your favorite person (or people) for you to hear preach? What attracts you to that person when they speak?

Read Galatians 1:9. What did Paul say should happen to any person that teaches something that is against what the Bible teaches? What does that word mean to you?

Now read Galatians 1:10 and the study note for this verse. Be honest, and answer who you are trying to please – you can list them if there is more than one – and why you are trying to please them? Do you feel it is better to please people or to please God and why do you feel this way?

Continue by reading Galatians 1:11-20. Read the study note for Galatians 1:19. Did you think/know Jesus had brothers and sisters? Share why you answered "Yes" or "No" to that question.

Read Galatians 1:20-24 and the study note for Galatians 1:23-24. Paul had an amazing conversion from where he once pleased people and served himself to where he lived a life of pleasing God by serving others. Who do you know in your life that had that kind of a change in their life? Share a little bit of their story. If this is you personally, share a little bit of your story!

The opportunity arises for you to be a missionary and you get to choose where. Would you stay close to home such as in your own town or city in which you now live, or would you travel far away to a place you have never been to serve?

Where would you go to serve others and why would you choose this place?

After reading the introduction to chapter two of Galatians, I want you to be honest and ask yourself this question: do you consider yourself a leader or a follower? Share your answer and why you chose it:

Read Galatians 2:1-2 and the study note for \bigcirc Galatians 2:2. We are all running. But, based on the study note, we can only run one of two ways. Which way are you running when it comes to God?

Give some real-life examples of how you know you are running in the direction you shared in the last question.

Read Galatians 2:6-10. In verse nine and in the study note for Galatians 2:9, it talks about the "pillars". Pillars keep a building from falling around you. In this case, the pillars were people of great faith. Who are people in your world that you would consider pillars? In Galatians 2:10, Paul shares about being eager – something he really wants to do. What are some things in your life that you are eager about doing, personally? What was Paul eager to do according to verse ten?

Now read the study note for Scalatians 2:10. What are some things you could be devoted to do, and would be eager to do for God? How do these match up with the things you were eager to do earlier in the study?

Now read Galatians 2:11-14. Read the study note for Galatians 2:14. Knowing all of this, would you say you are living more as Paul did so others can see God through you? Or, are you living more as Peter did to fit in with the crowd? Share an example:

Now read Galatians 2:15-21 and the study note for Galatians 2:21. Is your life focusing on following every rule or following others in the things they do that are not of God? Or, are you living and leading every day so others can see God living through you? Tell us why you chose your answer and how you can make changes to show others that your desire is to lead by living as if God is first in your life:

Have you ever hoped to be chosen for something and were not picked, even though you knew they should have taken you? How did this make you feel? If this has not happened to you personally, do you know someone this has happened to? How did they react?

Read Galatians 3:1-3 and the study notes for Calatians 3:1, Galatians 3:2, and Galatians 3:3. According to the verses and the study notes, how do we receive God's spirit?

Read Galatians 3:11-12 and the study note for \Im Galatians 3:11. What is the relationship with our faith and our works when it comes to our own, personal walk of faith?

Read Galatians 3:13-18 and the study note for SGalatians 3:15. What kind of commitment have you made personally, to God?

Read Galatians 3:19-20 and the study note for \mathfrak{S} Galatians 3:19-20. If we can't follow ALL of the law and keep ALL of the commandments, then why were we given the law according to the verses?

Read Galatians 3:21-22 and the study note for ⁽²⁾ Galatians 3:19-20. Why was Jesus given to each of us by God?

According to Galatians 3:26, what can each of us be called? Also, according to this same verse, what is needed to be able to call our self this?

Finally, read Galatians 3:27-29. According to these verses, who can call themselves a child of God?

Read the introduction to chapter four of Galatians. What are the two areas that this chapter focuses on, according to the first paragraph?

What does legalism mean to you?

What does love mean to you?

Read Galatians 4:1-8 and the study notes for 😕 Galatians 4:2. Who are the guardians God has given you in this life?

Read the study note to Calatians 4:5. What does it mean to you to be a child of God?

As you read Galatians 4:9-14 and the study note for Galatians 4:9, ask yourself what area of life you "*have to*" do things, based on your schedule. List some of those here: Read Galatians 4:14-15 and the study note for ^CGalatians 4:15. Be truthful and answer this very difficult question: what are some areas in your life that you are blessed that you do not give God the credit he deserves?

Now read Galatians 4:17-18 and the study note for Galatians 4:17. What is an area or areas (or a cause) that you are zealous for God?

Now read Galatians 4:19-27 and the study note for Galatians 4:22. This may be a tough question to answer. What is an area (or areas) that you do not trust God and His promises and tend to do things your own way, either now or in your past?

Finally, read Galatians 4:28-31 and read the study note for Galatians 4:21-31. What do you need to do to be set free from the area or areas that you find yourself not trusting God completely?

Read the introduction to Galatians chapter five and then answer this seemingly odd question to start the study: what are your favorite pair of shoes you have (or had growing up) right now and why?

Read Galatians 5:1-10 and the study note for ^{Constant} Galatians 5:9. According to the study note, what does "yeast" represent here in the Bible?

Based on the study note for \bigcirc Galatians 5:14 and these verses, why is this so important to the church then just as it is to the church now?

Read Galatians 5:15-21 and the study note for Galatians 5:16. The focus of these verses is to walk in the Spirit. According to the study note, what are two ways that Paul shares that we can know for sure we are walking in the Spirit?

Read Galatians 5:22-23 and the study note for [©]Galatians 5:22-23. List the fruit of the Spirit according to the verses:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

In the list above, which of these are you good at and which ones do you find to be a struggle?

If we live in the Spirit, we should also walk in the Spirit, according to what Paul shares in Galatians 5:24-26. According to verse 26, what are the three things we would avoid if we were living with and walking in God's Holy Spirit?

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After reading the introduction to chapter six of Galatians, read the very first verse only. Before you move on to the study questions, start by answering this personal question: if you were to go on a mission trip with the purpose of starting a church, where would you go?

Why did you choose the place above to start a church?

After reading Galatians 6:1, when someone is caught in a fault, how does the verse say we should restore that person?

Read the two separate study notes for Galatians 6:1. What parts of these two notes can you relate to the most personally? Share why you can relate to these.

Read Galatians 6:2 and share what the verse states we should do with one another's burdens.

Read Galatians 6:3-9 and the study note for Galatians 6:9. The Bible shares that the only thing that is good is God. The saying goes "God is good all the time...and all the time, God is good!" When we do good, and recognize God in those moments, the reason we are doing good is because of the One who is good. Share some moments in your life where you knew that God was present, and working good for you in your life.

At times, we get tired of doing good things (verse nine). It is as if no one notices. Now share a moment or moments, even if you found yourself exhausted, when you were working for the good of God.

Read Galatians 6:10. Who should we be doing these good, or Godly things to and for according to this verse?

Read Galatians 6:11-18. In the very end, Paul writes to us all about grace. According to the verse and the study note on Galatians 6:18, where should we see the evidence of this grace in our lives?