

READ THROUGH GALATIANS: WEEK 1

GROUNDING
IN THE
GOSPEL

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Read Galatians 1:1-5

- As Paul begins his letter, how does he establish his credibility in verse 1?
- Paul greets the people in Galatia with “Grace and peace.” Where do you see the need for more grace and peace in our world?
- Why does Paul say that Jesus was given in verse 4? What does this mean to you personally?

Read verses 6-9

- How would you describe Paul’s overall tone in these verses? How would you summarize his message to the Galatians in your own words?
- How would you describe the basic message of the gospel that you have received? What are some subtle variations or distortions of the gospel in our present era?
- Paul clarifies in verse 10 that he is not trying to win the approval of people, but rather of God. When it comes to “speaking up” about your convictions, or standing up for what you believe is right, do you struggle with seeking the approval of people?
- What does it mean to “win the approval of God”? (This might be a trick question!)

Read Verses 12-24

- Where did Paul receive his message of the gospel (v. 12)?
- What do you know about Paul’s story in how he received this message? (You might want to check out Acts 9:1-19.)
- Paul’s radical life change and testimony resulted in praise to God (v. 24). Whose testimony has been an encouragement in your faith life?
- What changes in your own life have you seen as a result of following Jesus?