

Disagreements

Introduction

This week we're focusing on a story from Galatians 2, where the Apostle Paul speaks of a disagreement he had with the Apostle Peter. It's a good reminder that disagreements are a part of life, even amongst the followers of Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. What comments caught your attention in the video? What would you say about it?
2. There is a lot of emotion that pours through Paul's letter to the Galatians. What are some of the emotions that Paul is experiencing? Have you felt the same way in your life?
3. Paul makes the choice to stand up to Peter and call him out on his practice? How much courage do you think was necessary? Have you ever had to do something similar with a leader, a boss, or someone you admire? How did you feel about it? How did you feel afterward?
4. Paul's concern is Peter's inconsistency, his double-standard. He acts like a Gentile when only around Gentiles, but then follows Jewish tradition when the Jewish Christians are around. Why would this be confusing to the Gentile Christians? How might this blur the gospel of Jesus Christ?
5. Take some time to discuss verse 16. How would you explain what Paul is saying? What are some of the extra things that we may consider doing to make sure that we're really saved? How may we keep our focus on Jesus as the source of our salvation?
6. Consider the powerful words of verse 20. What does it mean to you when Paul writes, "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me"? How does Christ live in you? How do those around you see Christ living in you?
7. How may we pray for you this week?

Prayer ("Conform my Will to Yours" by Blaise Pascal, 1623-1662)

Lord, let me henceforth desire health or life except to spend them for you, with you, and in you. You alone know what is good for me; do therefore what seems best to you. Give to me or take from me; conform my will to yours; and grant that with humble and perfect submission and in holy confidence I may receive the orders of your eternal providence, and may equally adore all that comes to me from you. Amen.

Scripture Passage – Galatians 2:11-21