



## **Growth Group Discussion Guide**

**Passage:** Galatians 1:1-5

**Introduction:** The Letter of Galatians was written by the Apostle Paul to the churches he planted in the Roman province of Galatia. The letter addresses serious issues that had crept into the church through the false teaching of those known as Judiazers. The Judiazers questioned Paul's apostolic authority and taught that faith in Jesus wasn't enough but that one also had to keep the Law of Moses in order to be saved. In these opening verses Paul addresses this false teaching by challenging us to remember not only the source of his apostleship but the heart of the Gospel itself.



### **Into the Word**

In verse 1 Paul identifies himself as an Apostle. Why is it significant that Paul describes himself as one "sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father"?

Note: Apostle means "sent one". The Apostles were those personally appointed and sent by Jesus to establish the first generation of the church. These include the twelve disciples and the Apostle Paul.

Consider: Acts 9:15

Resource: [The Authority of the Apostles](#)

How would you describe the Gospel based on verses 1-5? How is this different from the teaching of the Judiazers?

Note: The Gospel is about what God has graciously done through Jesus to rescue us from His wrath, our slavery to sin, and this evil world for His glory.

Resource: [Salvation : An Overview](#)



### **Into the Heart**

Where in your life are you tempted to base your relationship with God on what you do? How does this rob you of the experience of God's grace and peace in your life?

How does the Gospel produce gratitude in our hearts? How does gratitude bring glory to God?

Note: The proper motivation for the Christian life is gratitude NOT guilt.

Consider: Galatians 2:20



### **Into the World**

In verse 1 Paul is concerned with the Galatian's view of authority. How does an improper view of authority cause issues in a church?

Note: The highest authority in God's Church is Scripture.

Resource: [The Real Meaning of Sola Scriptura](#)

Paul reminds us that Jesus frees us from "the present evil age" (v. 4). How does the Gospel change the way we relate to the priorities and values of our culture?