



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Galatians 2:17-21

Introduction: In this passage Paul explains why it is nonsense to seek one's righteousness through the Mosaic Law. Seeking one's righteousness through the Law, Paul argues, not only approaches the God's Law improperly but fundamentally misunderstands the purpose of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Ultimately this passage encourages us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of our union with Christ through faith alone.



Into the Word

Read verse 17. Why would the Gospel bring the accusation that "Christ is a servant of sin"? Compare: Romans 6:1-4

In verses 18-19 Paul explains that no one can establish their own righteousness through keeping God's Law. How would you explain the purpose of God's Law based on this passage? Compare: Galatians 3:19-22, 1 Timothy 1:8-11

Note: One use of God's Law is to expose our sin and our need of a Savior.

Resource: [The Threefold Use of the Law](#)

In verses 20-21 Paul reflects on his union with Christ. How is Paul united to Christ? How does Paul's union with Christ shape how he thinks about Christ's death and resurrection?

Note: Union with Christ does NOT come through keeping the Law.

Resource: [10 Things You Should Know about Union with Christ](#)



Into the Heart

In verse 18 Paul describes keeping the Law for righteousness as "rebuilding what I tore down"?. Where are we tempted to build up your own standard of righteous? How does this further prove our sinfulness?

Consider where you struggle against sin. How does your union with Christ enable and empower you to change?

Consider: Ephesians 4:20-24



Into the World

Where do you look for a sense of identity? How does this shape the decisions you make? How will a deeper sense of your union with Christ shape how you make decisions?

Consider: 2 Corinthians 5:17

How will a deeper experience of our union with Christ change how we approach one another?