



Prepositional Problems

Galatians 2:15-21 | Session 8.24

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media).

Context

Start by asking:

- What do you think of on-line dating sites and why?
- How do they know the people are actually who they say they are on such sites?

Play the [Christian Mingle video](#) and ask:

- How would you like your Christian faith questioned and why?
- How did you feel about the test questions for the applicants?
- Why do you think the male candidate passed the inquisition and the female candidate did not?
- In what ways do you think people are examining other's faith in reality?
- What is your reaction to the idea that different people may judge folks by different standards?

Content

Read [Galatians 2:15-21](#), then watch the Bible Background Video.

Ask questions like these:

- What is Paul so upset about?
- Who is his disappointment directed towards besides the Galatians?
- What does “justified” mean and by what means are we justified?
- What is Paul worried about being destroyed and how he convey that concern?
- What do you think about the preposition issue that Nikki mentioned in her video?
- Why might people find specific word use so important in such passages?
- How do you feel about the irony in such a close focus on a preposition or in a passage that is pressing people to move beyond legalism and why?

Closure

Play [... it's what you do that defines you](#) and ask:

- In light of today's scripture, how do you feel about what Rachel tells Bruce in this video and why?
- What do you think should shape your life and why?
- By what means can we enable Christ (or the faith of Christ) to live in us?
- To what degree do you feel you are defined by either what you are against or by your consistent actions towards citizens in God's Kingdom?
- If not through works, in what ways do we show faith in/of Christ by our attempts to act in a manner consistent with what we believe?

Close in prayer

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