

⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are troubling you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, a curse be on him! ⁹ As we have said before, I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, a curse be on him!

— *Galatians 1:6-9*

Discussion/Journal Questions

How would you define freedom? What does it mean to be free?

Have two or three people read Galatians 1:6-9 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

In Paul's letter to the Galatians, we see that people were adding to the gospel. As John calls it, it was a gospel of "grace and . . ." What are some of the things people add to the gospel today?

How does a "grace and . . ." gospel demonstrate a desire for control?

How does a "grace and . . ." gospel lead to judgmentalism?

What is the gospel? How would you explain it to a friend or co-worker?

In the sermon, John makes the point that many of the things we are tempted to add to grace are good things, even things that are healthy for us spiritually. How do we navigate the line between something being a good thing and a gospel thing?

How does spiritual warfare play into this topic? Could Satan use good things to tempt us away from the true gospel?

Who in your life needs to hear the good news about Jesus? Pray for them with your group.