

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

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### Galatians

Grow a Spine!

Galatians 2:1-21



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.

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**Q1.** Can you remember a time when you felt really good about yourself? What happened to cause this?

**Q2.** Can you remember when you felt anxiety, or even the pressure of not living up to someone else's expectations? If you feel comfortable, share this with the group.

## INTO THE WORD

### **Read Galatians 2:1-5**

**Q3.** Paul defends his case for both being sent by God and working in alignment with the Apostles (v3-5). The power of being in the body of Christ's 'church' means that we journey together. Can you remember a time when being a part of the church helped you?

### **Read Galatians 2:6-10**

**Q4.** What speaks out to you in these passages?

### **Read Galatians 2:11**

**Q5.** Paul confronts Peter - this is the only time in the entire Bible where an apostle confronts another. Have you ever had to confront another believer because they were not living in a way that aligned with the Gospel? That would have been hard if you have. Share the experience if you are comfortable doing so.

### **Read Galatians 2:12**

**Q6.** We know that we are known by the way we love (John 13:35), however the peer pressure of being 'in the world' (John 17:15-19) is hard. How have you stood firm, lovingly representing the Gospel to those around you?

### **Read Galatians 2:13-14**

**Q7.** You cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24), can you think of a time when you tried to serve both God and people?

## **GOING DEEPER**

### **Read Galatians 2:15-16**

**Q8.** Faith is equally simple and hard. It's simple because Jesus payed the price for us on the cross, it's hard because we have to 'trust' Him. Trust can be difficult because it means we need to let go of the things we cling to and try to control in order to allow Jesus to have control of our lives. Is there something you cling to? What would letting go look like for you?

### **Read Galatians 2:17-21**

**Q9.** We have all fallen short of God's standard (Romans 3:23) but through Jesus and only Jesus we are made right before God. What does it look like for you to live a life in the light of God's perception of you, rather than people's perception?

## **CONCLUSION & PRAYER**

When Jesus died on the cross he took away our brokenness (sins). Although it's gone, finished, forever, we often seem to hang on to other people's perceptions of ourselves rather than the way God sees us. If God sees us as born again, wiped clean, pure, loved, and perfect, how can you see yourself the way God sees you?

As you pray today, how can you see yourself the way God sees you, and not as others see you? What are you clinging onto that you need to give to Him to wash away?