

One Bible, One Story

New Testament Survey

Summary of I and II Corinthians:

Paul lays out his heart for the Corinthian church. He confronts their sin in love. He explains that wisdom and success in the kingdom of God look much different than they do to the rest of the world. The strength of Christ is made perfect in weakness.

I. Introduction

II. A Walk Through Galatians

1. Chapter One- Paul; who is he? He gives reason for his credibility He establishes his purpose: to correct false teaching about the gospel

2. Chapter Two- The need to confront Peter; there are Judiazers preaching that you must not only believe in Christ, but also keep the ceremonial law. Paul denounces this.

3. Chapter Three- Paul discusses the purpose of the law and the role of faith in the life of the believer, and cites the faith of Abraham.

4. Chapter Four- Establishes that those who believe in Christ are heirs of God, and not only that, but heirs of the free woman, and the difference this makes.

5. Chapter Five- Even though they have been freed from slavery to the law, the Galatians, just like us, have been measuring themselves by their adherence to the ceremonial law. Instead we are supposed to embrace freedom, and through the Spirit love one another, as seen in the fruit the Spirit enables.

6. Chapter Six- To desire circumcision is to boast in one's own flesh. Paul establishes how this is contrary to the gospel. We boast instead in Christ.

III. Key themes

-Law

-Grace

-Faith

-Freedom

-Holy Spirit

-New motivation

IV. Focus Passage- Galatians 2:15-21 (think, pair, share)

1. What does this passage communicate about our justification? What role do we play, what role does Christ play?

2. What does this passage say about our motivation as believers? Where do you feel Paul's sense of urgency most?

3. How does this passage illustrate the main themes of Galatians?

V. Application

1. Take some time right now think what truth from this morning was most salient to you and write it down on the index card at your table. (You may take this home to remind you throughout the week)

2. Reflect this week, perhaps journal about how what you have seen in Galatians affects your motivation for knowing God, for pleasing Him, for keeping the law, for serving others.

3. Spend some time discussing with someone who knows you well areas in your life where you add to the gospel.

4. Reflect on the connection between not achieving our own righteousness, or adding to the gospel during the service this morning, especially as we confess our sins, and are reminded that we are forgiven, and then move out to greet one another in love.