

Small Group Questions Week of February 8, 2026

1. **Big Picture**
 - As a group, share what stood out to you most from the message.
 - How would you define *performative faith* in your own words?
 - What are some of the problems or dangers that come with performative faith?
2. **Personal Reflection**
 - Can you share an example of a time you felt tension or pressure because of performative faith—either in yourself or from others?
 - Where do you most feel the temptation to perform spiritually rather than live authentically?
3. **Galatians 2:11–14**
 - Why is what’s happening with Peter, James, and Barnabas so significant?
 - What does this moment reveal about how easily even strong leaders can be influenced?
 - What can we learn from them about holding to truth—and about the influence people have in our lives?
4. **Conflict & Correction**
 - How do you feel about the way Paul handled the conflict with Peter?
 - Do you think he dealt with it correctly? Why or why not?
 - What principles for healthy confrontation can we learn from this moment?
5. **Acts Connection**
 - Read **Acts 10:1–18** (and reference Acts 11 as needed).
 - What is happening in this passage?
 - What did eating with others represent in Bible times?
 - What conclusion did Peter come to in Acts 11?
 - How does this connect to the problem Paul is addressing in Galatians?
6. **Theological Clarity**
 - Read **Galatians 2:15–21**.
 - What theological statement is Paul making here?
 - Why does Paul respond to Peter’s behavior with theology instead of just emotion or opinion?
7. **Surrender vs. Striving**
 - Read **Galatians 2:20**.
 - How does this verse reflect surrender rather than striving?
 - What does it look like to live *from* Christ’s life rather than *for* approval?
8. **Remembering the Gospel**
 - Read **Galatians 3:1–6**.
 - What is Paul reminding the Galatians of?
 - Why is it so easy to forget how we began our faith journey?
9. **Justification**
 - Read **Galatians 3:7–11**.
 - What does it mean to be *justified*?
 - How are we justified before the Lord?
10. **The Weight of the Law**
 - Read **Galatians 3:10** and **James 2:10–11**.
 - What would it look like to keep *everything* written in the law?
 - How does this remind us of our need for Jesus?
11. **Application**
 - Share a story of a time you found yourself striving for something God wasn’t asking of you.
 - What would it look like for you to live more freely in the truth of the gospel this week?