

Small Group Questions

Week of September 20, 2026

1. What stood out to you from Pastor Charles' message on Sunday?
2. Thinking back over the last several weeks, has anyone made changes or improvements in their spiritual practices? If so, how has it impacted you?

Read Galatians 2:11–21

3. What do you notice about Peter, Barnabas, and the other Jewish believers in verses 11–14? What caused them to change their behavior? What could have helped them remain faithful to what they already knew to be true?
4. Can you think of a time when you felt pressure to go along with a crowd, like Peter and the others did? How did you respond?
5. Can you think of times in Scripture when a crowd encouraged or participated in faithful living? What is the difference between following a crowd and being part of a faithful community?

What “crowds” or social pressures do we face today? What kinds of pressures are our kids facing?

6. In what ways was Peter's behavior out of step with the gospel? What does his behavior reveal about the power of fear, people-pleasing, or social pressure?

7. Read Galatians 2:20.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me...”

How does this verse challenge the way we think about our identity, our approval, and the way we live?

Read John 4:1–26 — The Woman at the Well

8. What about the woman at the well would have made her an outsider in her culture? How did Jesus respond to her?

How would you compare and contrast Jesus' behavior toward the woman with Peter's behavior toward the Gentile believers?

9. What might have caused Peter to act the way he did? What enabled Jesus to sit with, talk with, and engage someone who was considered an outsider?
10. How can our spiritual practices help form us into the kind of people who are willing to sit with, eat with, listen to, and love people who are different from us?
11. What is God saying to you through this passage and through our study of spiritual practices?
12. Is there someone you could be more intentional about including this week?