

Let's Talk: Day 260

Today's Reading: Galatians 1 / Family Focus: verses 6-10

Have you ever told a person something over and over again... and then as soon as you walk away they forget it? Paul had that problem with the church of Galatia over the definition of the gospel. Paul defines the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. See if your family can name all parts of it.

Questions:

1. What amazes Paul in this passage?
2. How did people get confused about what the gospel is? How do you know who you should listen to and who you should believe about the Bible and other topics?
3. Is there more than one gospel? Is there more than one way to get to heaven?
4. Does Paul want to please people or God? How about you? How do our actions change when we want to please God instead of people?

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Today's Reading: Galatians 2 / Family Focus: verses 20-21

People often pick a "life verse" or a special verse they are focusing on for a time in their life. Ask your family members or teacher at church if they have a favorite verse that helps them in their life.

Questions:

1. Today's verses show how Paul views his life on earth. What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? Did he literally hang on a cross? How does it apply to his sins and selfish ambitions?
2. Who lives in Paul? What does that look like in his life? (think of some of the stories we read about him in Acts and what he did)

3. Do you live by faith for Jesus and not for yourself? Does the time you spend talking to Jesus or reading His word or doing things not just for yourself prove it? If not, what will you change?
4. Some people believe that if you are good enough then God will let you in heaven. What does verse 21 say that shows us this statement is not true?

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Today's Reading: Galatians 3 / Family Focus: verses 6-14

Name some rules you have in your house. If you break the rules can you still have a relationship with your parents? Rules are for our protection and come after a relationship of love has been started within the family. The church of Galatia was confused in thinking that the way to please God was to obey rules. They had forgotten about faith.

Questions:

1. What Old Testament man, that we read about today, had faith?
2. Verse six says he believed God. That's faith. What are some things God asks His followers to believe about Him?
3. Paul says that if you want to live under the law ["the law" means following a list of rules] then you can't ever make a mistake (since God is perfect). Is that possible for anyone?
4. What shall the just live by? How do you live?

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Today's Reading: Galatians 4 / Family Focus: verses 4-7

Ask your kids what they know of adoption and if they know anyone who is adopted. According to the law it is a permanent "forever family" placement that can't be reversed once finalized. Did you know that Walt Disney, George Lucas, Ronald Reagan and Steven Curtis Chapman have adopted kids?

Questions:

1. When we believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again we are redeemed. What does Paul say that allows us to receive? (verse 4)
2. If we are an adopted son/ daughter of God, what does that make Jesus to us?
3. Because we are adopted, what do we get to call God the Father? Did you know the word “Abba” is like “Daddy” to us in English? If He loves us so much that we can call Him “Daddy,” how often should we talk to Him and what can we talk to Him about?
4. To adopt someone, you need to be willing to show great love, patience, and sacrifice. You have to really want this person, maybe even before they know about you. How does this example of adoption fit God adopting us?

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Today’s Reading: Galatians 5 / Family Focus: verses 22-26

Eat some fruit while discussing today’s passage, or go apple picking if you can. How many different types of fruit can your family name? Ask them if it is ever possible for blueberries to grow on an apple tree.

Questions:

1. What are the fruit of the Spirit?
2. Just like only apples come from an apple tree, so the fruit of the Spirit can only come from a person who has asked Jesus in their heart and has the Holy Spirit inside of them. Not all apple trees have lots of fruit. What makes a tree have lots of fruit? What makes a Christian have fruit?
3. Of the nine qualities (fruit), which comes more easily for each family member? How do you know? Which fruit do you need to pray that the Holy Spirit can help grow in you?

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Today’s Reading: Genesis 12 / Family Focus: verses 1-5

Today’s passage was referenced from Galatians 3 on Day 263. Google “Abraham’s journey” so you can see how he traveled across the land

that is in the news a lot today. Imagine what it would be like to leave everyone you know and move to an unknown location.

Questions:

1. What did God ask Abraham to do? What did God promise?
2. How old was Abraham? If you were Abraham, what questions would you have had for God?
3. What do you think Abraham's neighbors told him when he said he was moving, but did not know where?
4. If God asked you to do something, but didn't give you the details, what would you say? Are you listening to Him?

Let's Talk: Day 266

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: When did Jesus choose us?

All week we have read from the book of Galatians, or a passage that was referenced in that book. What is one thing that you learned from this week that stands out to you? Take a minute and thank God for sharing that truth with you.