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WEEK 1 GROUP GUIDE

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MESSAGE RECAP

GALATIANS 1:1-10

In Galatians 1:1-10, Paul writes with an urgency that shows how deeply he cares about the churches in Galatia. After Paul had preached the good news of Jesus to them, they began listening to a different message—one that added requirements to the grace they had received through Christ.

Paul reminds them that the gospel is simple: Jesus died, Jesus rose, Jesus saves. Nothing we can do, achieve, or add makes us more accepted by God. Grace is God giving us what we could never earn or deserve.

This is why Paul is so passionate. The gospel isn't Jesus plus religion, good works, success, culture, or the approval of other people. Jesus + something = nothing. But Jesus + nothing = everything. Our salvation and our identity are rooted completely in Jesus, not in what we do or what others think of us.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Did anything stand out to you from Sunday's message? What was it?
- Read Galatians 1:6-10 together
 - Why do you think Paul responded so strongly to the Galatians changing the Gospel?
 - What does his response reveal about how seriously he views the Gospel?
- What does grace mean to you?
- Why can receiving grace sometimes be harder than trying to earn something?
- Read Galatians 1:10 again
 - What are some things people can be tempted to add to Jesus in order to feel accepted, worthy, or secure?
- Where do you feel yourself most tempted to please others?
- **Jesus + nothing = everything.**
 - What does this phrase mean to you?
 - How could this change the way we view God?
- Where is one area of your life God might be inviting you to trust Jesus more fully rather than relying on something else?
- End your time in prayer together

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GOING DEEPER

Paul's first missionary journey through Galatia was marked by both incredible spiritual growth and intense opposition. In cities like Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, Paul preached that salvation comes through God's grace, not through the law, and many people responded to the gospel. But the journey was far from easy—Paul faced rejection, threats, and even being stoned and left for dead in Lystra.

Yet Paul didn't walk away. He returned to these cities, strengthened the believers, encouraged them to remain faithful through hardship, and helped establish churches with leaders who could continue the work. These weren't just places on a map to Paul; they were people he deeply cared about. His willingness to suffer for them helps us understand why the situation in Galatia later became so personal—and why his words in Galatians are so passionate and unfiltered.

This map shows the journey that Paul took. For a deeper look into this story, look through Acts 13 and 14.

How would life look different if we were adamant that people heard the Gospel?

