

BREAKING THE ICE

What kind of movements have you been a part of? (ie: social justice, something school related, etc.)

Did you set a new rhythm of reading the Bible last week, or did your Bible reading rhythm change? What did you learn this past week from reading your Bible?

MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Kevin started a new series called "Movement." During this series, we will be reading through the book of Galatians. Galatians is a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the people of Galatia. Galatians is found in the New Testament.

When the church started it was simply a movement of people. People who started sharing the message of Jesus. The message went from 120 people to 3,000 people in just one day. God used those who were being persecuted for believing and following Him to share the news about Him.

1. Do you remember the first time you heard about Jesus? What do you remember about that moment?

Some of us have known Jesus a long time but have fallen asleep to our faith. God wants to wake us up to what matters most. He wants to move in our hearts so we can be a part of the bigger movement He has for His people.

Read Galatians 1:1-9

Paul wrote the letter to the people of Galatia because he was trying to protect the church from false teachings. The good news (called the gospel) is that we all live in grace. Grace is the unmerited favor of God.

2. How have you experienced God's grace in your life?

We are all covered by the grace of God. We don't have to worry about what we have done because it's all covered by what Jesus did for us on the cross. Putting our faith in Jesus is what saves us. Not Jesus +

other things. The other things can become legalistic. They have nothing to do with our salvation.

3. How have you let other things define your salvation?

The only thing that defines our salvation is trusting in Jesus. Good works happen when we start following Him but they are not mandatory for our salvation.

Every single one of us need Jesus. No one is better than the other based on merits, how they vote or what policy they stand on. Don't let social issues become salvation issues. Jesus + Nothing = Everything

The moment we add to the Gospel of Christ it loses power because we have to earn it. It's no longer grace.

4. What kind of things have you added to salvation? How can you rely on grace and trust in Jesus?

As followers of Jesus we need to take time to rejoice in the gospel. Take in the good news that we are saved by grace. We didn't have to earn it, it's freely given to us. We can just be grateful that we all need Jesus.

Once we can rejoice in the gospel we can continually return to the gospel. Remember what matters most. When we disagree with a fellow follower of Christ, return to the gospel. Our faith in Jesus is the most important thing in our lives and we can agree on that.

5. Where do you need to rejoice and return back to the good news of the gospel in your life?

Remember the story of the gospel of Jesus in your life. What was it like to experience Jesus for the first time in your life? What has He done in your life? What are some of the markers in your faith where you saw Him show up and do something in your life that could not have happened on your own?

Sometimes we need to take the time to just remember what He has done. When we remind ourselves of how He has moved, it reframes our perspective and focus back to Him.

6. What are some things you need to remember about how Christ has changed you?

When we allow Him to move in us, we can be a part of the movement he wants to do through us. He can use each of us for His glory.

CLOSING PRAYER

God thank you that we don't have to do anything to receive your grace. It is freely given to us. Thank you that we don't have to do anything to earn our salvation. Show us where we try to add to our salvation and where we become legalistic in our way of thinking. Help us continually rejoice, return and remember the gospel. Show us where you would have us share the gospel with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

+ Take some time to write down your salvation story, and how God has moved in your life.

+ Join us as we read Galatians together as the church. Go to: <u>https://crosspoint.tv/study/</u> to join us and read along.