

Study Questions - Christ Centred - Galatians 2

- 1) What makes someone ICONIC? If you were to vote for the world's most iconic leader or activist who would you vote for? How would you assess their impact and legacy?
- 2) Looking at Galatians 2, how do you imagine Paul views himself in the context of the other people he names in this chapter, who all held significant roles in the early church?
- 3) How does verse 6 challenge how you view other people in the church or in the wider world?

You might like to pause here and pray for one another, that we might see ourselves and each other as God sees us.

- 4) Paul writes about those who '*spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus... to make us slaves*' (verse 4). How do you understand freedom in this context and why might it be a threat?
- 5) Paul will return to the theme of freedom later in his letter. Why is it such an important one and why do you think there are so many countries and societies who try to restrict the freedom of the church?

You might like to pause here and pray for those who fear sharing or living out their faith in public, whether in our own country or in those countries where to do so threatens personal safety.

- 6) Paul is prepared to challenge Peter: '*When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel...*' (verse 14). According to Tim Keller, the world constantly makes assumptions, and these assumptions must be weighed by the gospel: 'Christian living is a continual realignment process...' Do you agree? How do you 'realign' your life with the truth of the gospel?
- 7) Why do you think the issue of Gentiles not having to keep Jewish customs is so vitally important for Paul that he was ready to stand up to Peter? If any in your group are unfamiliar with this discussion, it will be worth spending some time now understanding it a bit better.
- 8) How do you imagine those present responded to Paul's speech to Peter (verses 14-21)? How do you respond?
- 9) For you, what does it mean to declare: '*...I no longer live, but Christ lives in me...*' (verse 20)? How do you keep Jesus at the centre of your universe?

Why not spend some time in prayers of praise and thanksgiving worshipping Jesus Christ, before praying for each other in the week ahead. You might like to use the words of this song:

'Jesus, be the Centre, be my source, be my light, Jesus.
Jesus, be the Centre, be my hope, be my song, Jesus.'

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