



### OUR PURPOSE (WHY WE EXIST)

Our reason for existence is "to make Christ known and to disciple the knowing."

### OUR PASSIONS (WHO WE LOVE)

*GOD, THE CHURCH, THE UN-CHURCHED*

We love God because He is uniquely beautiful, infinitely worthy, and supremely valuable. We love the church because it is more than a building; it is the "body of Christ" and the "brotherhood of the saints," a collection of redeemed men and women who find common ground in their love of Jesus. We love the un-churched because God loves the un-churched, and He wants to use us to make His love known.

### OUR PRACTICES (WHAT WE DO)

*WORSHIP, MINISTRY, MISSIONS*

Because we love God, we worship Him (Father, Son, and Spirit) through relevant music and engaging preaching; knowing that He alone deserves our worship. Because we love our brothers and sisters in Christ, we do ministry (acts of service by the church for the church), knowing that the world will see our love for each other as proof of our love for God. We engage in missional acts of service because we know that eternity is real and really long.

Our hope is to bring the life-changing gospel of Jesus to those who don't know God, so they can experience forgiveness, and spend eternity in grateful worship of God, instead of experiencing God's wrath in the eternal torment of Hell.

### Public Confession

Galatians 5-6:1-10

### GOALS:

1. To grow in relationship with God.
2. To grow in relationship with others.
3. To grow our groups and start new groups.

### INTRODUCTION (PLEASE READ ALOUD BEFORE EVERY GROUP):

It can be the proverbial "face in the clouds." Most are not looking. For those who do, some will see, and others won't. For those who do, the eyes, nose and mouth are obvious. With clouds, it is purely a matter of imagination. No fault, no foul. In Scripture, what we see or don't see is more than imagination. It is either there, or it is not. Such it was in the beginning with rules. "Do this, don't do that." Whatever the time frame, it was only a matter of time before someone said, "Rules? What rules? Says who? What does it really matter?" Confusion about the place of rules is why the Letter to Galatians was written. They just couldn't reconcile *grace* and *rules*. The purpose of this week's study is to help us understand the implications for the church when it comes to personal accountability, confession of sin, and restoration.

**REVIEW:** What is the current series? Why are we doing this? What is this week's title? Why is this subject important to study?

**Read Galatians 5 and Section 1 in their entirety before answering.**

#### Section 1

In Galatians 5:1 & 5:13a, what "freedom" is Paul referring to? In 5:16, what does Paul mean by "walk by the spirit?" Does verse 5:18 suggest there are no rules for believers? Why or why not? Why do you think that he would use the word "deeds" when referring to the flesh, and the word "fruit" when referring to the Spirit?

**Read Galatians 6:1-10 and Section 2 in their entirety before answering.**

#### Section 2

How important is 5:24-25 in understanding Galatians 6:1-10? Why? In Galatians 6:1, what is a "trespass?" What does it mean to be "caught?" Why would all trespasses not be of equal consequence? What should be the primary objective of those that are "spiritual?" What is the difference between "burdens" in verse 2 and "load" in verse 5? How does the principle of verse 7 relate to the issue of discipline in accountability? What is the encouragement of verses 8-10 to the church that chooses to practice accountability, discipline and restoration?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** – No One Goes Hungry Dinner 1-4pm

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Membership Class 10-1pm

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Family Fun Night 5-7pm