



## SERMON REFLECTIONS

### GALATIANS 2:11-16

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

<sup>13</sup> And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup> But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

1. In what ways do you subtly try to earn God's acceptance or other people's approval?
2. Can you identify a time when fear of others caused you to compromise a gospel truth?
3. Why is it important that we are justified through faith, not because of our faith?

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4. Why do you think it's important to tell the truth, even when it's hard?

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5. Have you ever felt left out? What does Jesus say about who belongs to His family?

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6. Have you ever acted differently around certain friends so you'd fit in?

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7. What's one way you've tried to "be enough" for God—or others—through performance?

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8. How does knowing you're accepted through Christ change how you see yourself?