



# fellowship church

## Sermon Discussion Guide

May 17, 2026 - Pastor Scott Allen

*No Other Gospel (Galatians 1:1-9)*

This sermon focused on the necessity of clinging to God by the gospel of grace, for there is no other way. In these first few verses, Paul establishes his divine authority to deliver the message, summarizes the core of the gospel, and boldly confronts the Galatian church for deserting God for a false gospel. As disciples, we must examine the cultural waters we swim in, reject false gospels, and continually preach the true gospel of grace to ourselves and others.

### Discussion Starter

- Paul was clearly passionate about guarding the true gospel. Do you also have a zero-tolerance **Paulicy** when it comes to false gospels? (just kidding :)
  - (Real discussion starter question) What was something your parents had a zero-tolerance policy toward when you were growing up?
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### Reflection Questions

- Scott told a story about how someone, in order to prove their good works, mentioned that they preserve even stinkbugs. What are your “stinkbugs” (good works you’re relying on to be right before God)? How do these stinkbugs rob God of his glory?
  - What false gospels are prevalent in the cultural waters we swim in today? How can we as a body of believers help each other cling to the true gospel and not stray towards false ones? Why is it risky to try to swim alone?
  - What voices have shaped you more than God’s Word (internal - fear, anxiety; external - social media, podcasters, etc.)? How have they shaped you?
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### Application Questions

- Vision Question: How has the grace and peace of God changed you? How can we as “a family of disciples on mission” (Fellowship’s vision statement) help you to share your testimony with others? Who is one person you can share your testimony with this week?

- (Personal implications) Just as Paul received Christ and became an apostle (“sent one”), we who have received Christ have also become “sent ones.” What is one area of your life that needs to change so you can more effectively live out your calling (sacrifice of time, conversation to initiate with a coworker, sin to confess and repent of, etc.)?
- (Missional implications) Why is knowing and experiencing the true gospel necessary to live as “sent ones”?

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## Tips for Group Leaders

- DO ask open-ended questions. DON'T ask questions where a short "right" answer ends the discussion.
- DO encourage mutual participation by every group member. DON'T feel the need to respond or weigh in after every contribution. Avoid monologuing. As the leader, your goal is to facilitate mutual discussion between all group members (Eph 4:15–16).
- DO ask follow-up questions: "What do you mean by that?" "Tell me more!" "Has anyone else experienced something similar (or different)?"
- DO feel free to pick and choose questions that are a good fit for your group. DON'T feel the need to get through every question, and don't worry if you spend most of your time on a few questions that generate a lot of good discussion.
- DO keep the main thing the main thing. Steer your conversation toward the main theme of the sermon and the biblical text. DON'T get sidetracked on less important matters, theological debates, etc. A rabbit trail might sometimes be worth pursuing—*if* group members are wrestling deeply with the implications of biblical truth for their lives. Otherwise, steer conversation back to the main topic.
- DO get into the text. It could be helpful to read over the passage together or ask questions directly related to the text. Help group members engage the text for themselves and respond to what they see there.
- DO revisit important moments from the sermon—a memorable story, an impactful quote, a convicting point of application. "Remember when pastor X talked about Y? What impression did that make on you?"
- DO allow space for reflection, silence, and thoughtful answers. DON'T feel that you need to jump in or ask a new question just because the group has been quiet for a few seconds. A good rule of thumb is to wait until the silence gets awkward, then count silently to ten before jumping in.
- DO bring discussions home to practical, concrete everyday life. DON'T let discussion and application stay in the abstract realm. Steer discussion toward *what does responding to this sermon look like for me?* If comments are vague or general, ask "what would that look like, practically?"