



fellowship church

Sermon Discussion Guide

June 14, 2026 - Pastor Scott Allen

A Seat at the Table (Part 2) - Galatians 2:15–21

Discussion Starter

- Pastor Scott used scorecards as a sermon illustration. What was one of the first games you learned as a kid that involved keeping score?
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Reflection Questions

- Pastor Scott mentioned we are all “moral scorekeepers”--we keep track of our good and bad deeds and compare our “scorecards” to others’. When it comes to moral scorekeeping, do you tend to focus more on racking up your good deeds or wallowing in your bad deeds? Why?
 - If the Galatian believers were under the new covenant, why was there a strong temptation for them to once again depend on works of the old covenant?
 - Galatians 2:16a says, “We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ...” What other verses or connections in Scripture support this claim?
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Application Questions

- Vision Question: *We are a family of disciples on mission*, and part of growing as a disciple is growing in the knowledge and experience of God’s love for you. Who are 1-2 people in your sphere of influence who don’t know the love of God? How can you communicate and tangibly show His love for them?
- (Personal implications) Galatians 2:19 says, “Through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.” What does it look like for you personally to die to the law?
- (Communal implications) Galatians 2:17 says, “...in our endeavor to be justified in Christ...” How can we practically as a church body endeavor to be justified in Christ?
- (Missional implications) Galatians 2:11-14 shows how Peter’s self-justifying attitude affected not just himself but also those around him. In what ways can our endeavor to rely on, or nullify, the grace of God affect those around us?

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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?"