



fellowship church

Sermon Discussion Guide

May 24, 2026 - Pastor Scott Allen

An Anchored Faith in an Unsettling World (Galatians 1:10-2:10)

The “earthquakes” of life can destabilize our faith. In this sermon, we looked at Paul’s defense of the gospel in four movements: The source (divinely revealed), the experience (personally transformative), the verification (communally verified), and the scope (impartially extended). Paul’s defense shows us that we can reliably anchor our souls to the unshakable gospel of grace when life becomes unsettling.

Discussion Starter

- Scott introduced the sermon by describing the disorienting effect of an earthquake. What are some “tremors” in your life that cause you to be spiritually unsettled? (sin battles, personal struggles, cultural norms, etc)
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Reflection Questions

- **Read Galatians 1:10-12 together.** Paul makes a heavy emphasis on the fact that the gospel that he preached is not “man’s gospel”. Why is it so central for the stability of our faith to understand that the gospel is of divine origin and not from human philosophy?
 - Man-made religion can be boiled down to “do more, do better”. Are there areas of your life you try to stabilize by operating under a performance anchor rather than the undeserved kindness of God’s grace?
 - Paul describes the personally transformative power of the gospel in his own life. How have you experienced the personal transformation of the gospel in your life?
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Application Questions

- Vision Question: How does anchoring ourselves to this "impartially extended" gospel challenge us to be a "family of disciples on mission?" How can you be more intentional about sharing the gospel "impartially?"
- (Personal implications) Where do you have tendencies to act or speak in ways that please man rather than God? How can you anchor yourself to the gospel in these areas and how would your behaviour/speech look different if you did?
- (Communal implications) The apostles "perceived the grace" (Galatians 2:9) given to Paul. What specific evidence of God's grace have you seen in the lives of others in this group lately?

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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?"