

GALATIANS

FRUITFUL LIVING

April 6 & 7, 2024 – LifeNotes

Whose Approval

Galatians 1:1-10

Session Objectives: Kick off the Spring Session & consider being God pleasers rather than people pleasers.

Resources: <https://www.ccef.org/fear-of-man-how-is-it-working-for-you>

Ice Breaker: When was the last time someone told you “Good job”? How did it make you feel?

MESSAGE NOTES

- We must accurately understand the gospel
- The gospel defines our identity
- Question: Who are you living for?

CONNECT

What stood out to you in the sermon? What was significant or interesting to you?

The pastor pointed out the importance of correctly understanding the gospel. How has your understanding of the gospel changed as you have studied the Bible or followed Jesus? What questions do you still have about it?

Have you ever struggled with where you find your identity? How did understanding your identity in Jesus help you find clarity?

In what areas of your life do you find yourself most tempted to seek the approval of others rather than God?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **2 Corinthians 5:9-10**. Who is Paul aiming to please? What is his motivation?

How does this apply to your own life?

Read **1 Thessalonians 2:3-6**. How does seeking to please people lead to “flattery” or an “attempt to deceive”? Have you ever seen this happen in your own life?

What motivation does Paul provide here for seeking to please God?

Does seeking to please God mean we are unconcerned about others or treat them harshly? Consider **1 Thessalonians 2:7-8** in your answer.

What people-pleasing habit should you give up? How can you seek to please God first in that situation?



“If life is based on our works as seen by others, we will soon be controlled by their opinions and live in fear of what they think. We rightly care about people’s opinions, but when we wrongly care about them too much—that is the fear of man.” Read more of Ed Welch's words at <https://www.ccef.org/fear-of-man-how-is-it-working-for-you>.



Day 1 Galatians 1:1-10

Day 3 2 Corinthians 5:9–10

Day 5 Matthew 22:15–22

Day 7 Ephesians 6:5–8

Day 2 Galatians 1:11-24

Day 4 1 Thessalonians 2:3–8

Day 6 Romans 15:1–3