

30 June 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“The Apostles in Jerusalem Confirm Paul’s Gospel” -- Galatians 2:1-10

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. How long after Paul’s first visit to Jerusalem did he return there (v. 1a)?
2. Who went with Paul (v. 1b)?
3. What prompted Paul to go to Jerusalem a second time (v. 2a)?
4. Who did Paul intend to see on this visit (v. 2b)?
5. Why did Paul go on this visit (v. 2c)?
6. How did the Jewish Christian leaders respond to Titus (v. 3)? Why was this significant?
7. What problem did Paul encounter in this meeting with the Jewish Christian leaders (vv. 4-5)?
8. What was the outcome of this meeting (vv. 6-8)?
9. How did the Christian Jewish leaders express their agreement with Paul and his Gospel (v. 9)?
10. What request did these leaders ask of Paul (v. 10)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. Paul received his understanding of the Gospel independently of the Apostles. Did this mean that Paul was autonomously independent of them?
12. What in this passage (Galatians 2:1-10) demonstrates that Paul understood he had a responsibility and an important connection to the Christian leaders in Jerusalem?
13. How are church leaders today susceptible to jealousy and rivalry? Do any examples come to mind?

14. What is meant by the term “celebrity preacher”? Is this good or bad?
15. How has Evangelicalism become a “big business”?
16. How might you discern if your Elders make pleasing Christ and serving His people as their first and foremost aim?
17. Why is church unity such a fragile thing?
18. What does “connectionalism” mean?
19. How would you show from the Scriptures that churches should NOT be independent and autonomous?
20. Can churches be unified if they have different understandings of what Scripture teaches?