

29 September 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Paul Reveals His Struggle to See Christ Formed in the Galatian Churches” -- Galatians 4:12-20

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. What did Paul ask the Galatians to do (v. 12)?
2. What did Paul’s request of them mean?
3. What did the Galatian Christians notice about Paul when he first came to them and proclaimed the message of the Gospel (v. 13a)?
4. How did the Galatians not react when they noticed Paul’s condition (v. 14a)?
5. How did the Galatians receive Paul when he first came to them (v. 14b)?
6. What concerned Paul about the Galatians’ present attitude toward him (vv. 15a, 16a)?
7. What was the attitude of the rival teachers toward the Galatian Christians (v. 17)?
8. How genuine was the attitude and actions of these rival teachers (v. 18)?
9. What was Paul’s struggle on behalf of the Galatian Christians (v. 19)?
10. Where did Paul want to be at this point in time (v. 20)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. When should fellow ministers be “called out” by other ministers of the Gospel? What guidelines should they follow?
12. Members of the same congregation can sometimes become alienated from one another. Why do you think this happens?
13. What can help prevent Christians in the same congregation from feeling alienated from one another?
14. When you have a close bond with a brother or sister in the church, how might you show grace and understanding when you experience a period of time when your interactions are not as frequent, and communication is minimal with that person?
15. What should you do if you have suspicions that your brother or sister in the Lord might be drifting away from the Lord or from you?

16. How would you suggest that church leaders (i.e. Elders) better communicate their Christian love and affection for you?
17. What might lead you to think that a church leader does not really care about you?
18. How can you demonstrate that you appreciate and care about the Elders that God has placed over you for your spiritual guidance and protection?
19. What might prompt a Pastor or Elder to think that they are not valued or appreciated by members of the flock?
20. What theological issues do you think are impractical? Why?
21. How might Biblical and theological discussion and argumentation become more relevant and practical for you?