

groups

Study Group: Leader Guide
Galatians 2:20 – Radical Discipleship – Jan 28th – Feb 3rd

CHECK-IN

*An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.*

STUDY

Main Topics: Christ's Work, Dying to Self, Discipleship.

Read Galatians 2:20

- What are the differences between a committed Christian and a crucified one?
- What does it look like for Christ to live in somebody? (see "Leader Notes")
 - Why do we have to be crucified with Christ in order to live with Christ?
- What is Paul declaring when he says "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me"?
 - How is this way of life so radically different from the culture at the time?
- Are there different ways somebody could live besides "by faith in the Son of God"?
- How is the crucifixion God's greatest demonstration of love for us? (Romans 6:2-6)
- Why is the Church called to rely on what God can do for them, rather than what they can do for God?

APPLY

- How has the American Church lost ground over the last few years?
 - The last few decades?
- Why do we need discipleship for our entire lives and not just a specific season?
- We see that a radical discipleship is a Christ-centered one. If a discipleship is Christ-centered what does that look like?
- If we have been crucified with Christ, what does that do to our sin?
- What are the things you've done for God in your life? What are the things that God has done for you? (personal stories & in all humanity)
- What are some ways you can die to yourself and live for God this week?
- Are we ready to identify ourselves so closely with Christ that we say we have been crucified with Him?

CLOSE

Which attributes of God did you see in this week's passage? How should it change the way that you pray, think, speak or act this week?

Leader Notes

What does it look like for Christ to live in somebody?

The defining characteristic is that these people have been given a new spirit. And not just any spirit, but the Spirit of God (Romans 8:9-17). It is by the Holy Spirit that we combat sin (v. 11-13), it is by the Holy Spirit that we are identified as God's children (v. 15-16), and it is by the Holy Spirit's power that we will be resurrected to eternal life with God (v. 17).

The only way to receive new life in Christ is to be crucified with Him. For that is how sin and death were defeated. In Christ's death the penalty for sin was paid and in His resurrection death had been conquered. If we have not been crucified with Christ then we cannot identify with His payment that fulfilled the debt we owed.

By being both crucified and identified with the life of Christ, Paul demonstrates that all Christians (Jewish & Gentile) have lost their old identity, defined by the Law, culture, family, or the gods, and have come into a new identity. One that is defined only by Jesus Christ.

Reminders to Leaders:

- This guide is to help you facilitate discussion with your Study Group.
- Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering and owning the truths of God's Word.
- There may be questions you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point or truth.
- Some questions may bring out emotions and cause people to dwell on their relationship with God. Your role is to **facilitate this experience, not to complete** the discussion guide.

What are Groups?

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