

**FOOD TIME:** (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

**MEETING TIME:** (45 minutes)

Paul continues his call to the church in Galatia here and the main focus of the start of chapter 2 is that we defend the truth of the gospel and share it with not just a select few, but to everyone. As we look into the discussion questions this week, think about how we as Christians in today's world, can live more and more like Paul did here in his encouragement to the church at that time.

**READ Galatians 2:1-10**

**1** Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me. **2** And I went up by revelation and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain. **3** Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. **4** And this occurred because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage), **5** to whom we did not yield submission for even an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. **6** But from those who seemed to be something- whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man- for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me. **7** But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter **8** (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles) **9** and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. **10** They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

**FACILITATE Discussion Questions**

1. Why is it important that Paul has people like Barnabas and Titus with him?
2. How can we make sure that we are living for Jesus so that others can see what living a life for Him is like?
3. What is the significance of Paul's work in ministry to the Gentiles?
4. How have you had to stand for the gospel lately?
5. What can you do individually or as a connect group that would bring honor to the kingdom of God?

**PRAY-** Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

**APPLICATION-** Throughout our lives, and as we grow more and more with Christ, we have to constantly remind ourselves that it is not about the things that we do. It is about the things that God does. He works through us so that others may be able to experience the same love that we have as we develop a deeper relationship with Jesus. As you go out this week, think about two things. One, think about how your actions will exemplify Jesus in everything you do. Whether it is the music you listen to, or how you react when something doesn't go your way. Take a second and think if you are going to glorify God in your actions or not. Second, think about how that looks to other people. Are people going to look at how you react to something and think, "WOW that was out of line!!," or, "WOW, look at how they held themselves through that, I wonder why?" Everything we do should look to honor God in a way that leads others to want to be in relationship with Him as well.