

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

The Glory of the Gospel

Getting Started

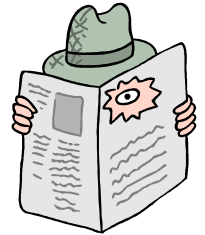
How would you explain the meaning of Easter to one of your friends?

Digging In

1. **Read Isaiah 53:5-6.** Why did Jesus come to earth? (see also 2 Cor 5:21)

In the first chapter of Galatians, Paul has been defending his authority as an apostle, and the integrity of the gospel. He continues to make his case in ch. 2.

2. **Read Gal 2:1-10.** (Paul is probably referring to the *famine visit* recorded in Acts 11:27-30.) Why did Paul make this visit to Jerusalem? (v. 2)
3. We know that Paul was **not** unsure about the gospel he preached. But he was very concerned to maintain the integrity of the gospel and the unity of the church. How are these concerns reflected in his account of this second visit to Jerusalem?
4. Why do you suppose he took Titus (a Gentile) along with him?
5. Apparently some false teachers infiltrated the meeting and were saying that Titus had to be circumcised. (v. 4) Why did Paul refuse to give in to them? (v. 5)
6. Why do you think it was crucially important for Paul to force this issue?
7. How did the apostles in Jerusalem respond? (vss. 3,6)
8. How did the apostles view the different roles given to Peter and Paul? (vss. 7-9)
9. How would *remembering the poor* help preserve unity?



Getting Personal

- Why is defending a *grace only* gospel relevant for Easter?
- What are some examples of *grace + law* gospels today?
- What are some ways in which we need to defend the integrity of the gospel today?
- What difference has the gospel made in your life?