

God's Story Our Story

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More resources for being the church at home this week

Paul's gifts as an orator are beginning to blossom. With power and grace he calls out some of the leaders on their inconsistencies, and presents himself as the classic example of someone who could not have been justified but through the grace of Jesus.

A meal time prayer:

God in Heaven, everything we need to know about you is at our fingertips in your word. May we remember to always use it as a guide in our lives. Bless the food that is before us Amen.

More questions for conversation:

1. Paul repeatedly preaches to the people about Jesus, yet they resist hearing the truth. Is there a difficult truth in your life that you may need to think more about?
2. Christians historically have been notorious for expecting believers and non-believers to live by the law (as though saved by our good deeds and our refraining from sin). How might your story sound if you shared the good news that people are saved by the work of Jesus Christ apart from their good works? How might non-believers respond to such a message?
3. How do you feel about the news that your salvation doesn't depend upon what you do or fail to do? Does this sound like good news or bad to you? What might prevent you from claiming this gift of justification and salvation? How can you begin to let go of your reservations?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive.

Watch an old movie about good guys and bad guys. Then watch a newer movie where the line between good and bad is blurred. Which feels more like your experience?

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5 simple steps to help bring your household closer to God and each other



SHARE
your highs and lows

Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time." **Share your highs and lows of the week**



READ
a Bible verse or story

A verse for the week: *For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:19-20*

Sunday: *Living by Faith*, Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

Monday: *Welcome to the Galatians*, Galatians 1:1-12

Tuesday: *Paul Defends His Apostleship*, Galatians 1:18-24

Wednesday: *Paul and the Other Apostles*, Galatians 2:1-10

Thursday: *God's Promise to Abraham*, Galatians 3:10-18

Friday: *The Purpose of the Law*, Galatians 3:19-22

Saturday: *Paul Reprimands the Galatians*, Galatians 4:8-20

Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows. More discussion questions are on the back side.

A prayer for the week:

**We thank you God, for the gift of our salvation.
Help us to live as your children and include others in your loving family. Amen**

Make the sign of the cross

"God is especially fond of you"

If your household includes younger children you may want to use a children's Bible story book. If the assigned reading is not in your storybook, just choose another.



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows



PRAY

for one another's highs and lows



BLESS

one another