

STUDY GUIDE

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6:8 | NO SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS

GALATIANS 2-3; ACTS 15

Note to Leaders: Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?

1. Read Galatians 2:11-16.
2. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
3. If time allows, look ahead at the "Digging In" section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE

1. When is the last time you saw an example of humility in the news?
2. Why do you think justice issues are such hot topics in the church?

DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE

Jesus' acceptance is probably more radical than you think.

All of us have to figure out how to relate to Christians who make us feel uneasy because of our traditions. Catch up with Peter's decades-long journey of discovering the radical acceptance of Jesus by reading Acts 10:11-28, Galatians 2:11-12 and Acts 15:7-11.

1. How do you see Peter grow through each phase of his life?
 - a. What does he ultimately realize is the foundation of God's radical acceptance?
 - b. Read 1 Peter 3:8. How does he teach people to live this out?
2. Where are you in your journey?

- a. Can you identify some of the traditions and values you have that are important to you, but are not necessarily foundational for everyone?
- b. What would it look like to live in Jesus' radical forgiveness and acceptance for you?
- c. What about living it out for others?

Justice? Check. Mercy? Check. Walking humbly with God? Umm...

With all of the division and conflict happening in the church, you have to wonder "what's going on?" Actually, it's always been messy. Read 1 Timothy 6:4, Acts 6:1, Acts 15:39 and Galatians 2:11 for just a few examples (there are tons more):

1. What are some of the issues you see in these verses?
2. Where do you see these things repeating themselves today?
3. Spend some time slowly reading and processing Galatians 5:13-25.
 - a. What does the church have to counter hypocrisy, infighting and division that the world doesn't?
 - b. How does this make you feel about our church's future?

BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

Personal Reflection

Is there anyone you know who feels like a second-class citizen when they come to church? Ask God to help you reach out to them.

Group Application

Talk about what walking humbly with God looks like in our cultural moment. Ask God to help your group grow in humility.

DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK

1. Check out this [growing list of Christ-centered resources](#) that will equip you to humbly walk with God, doing justice and loving mercy.
2. How should Christians relate all of those weird Old Testament rules? Check out [this helpful video](#) from the Bible Project.