



STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
CVCMissions Church Planting Team

[set up]

When you think about the cross, what things come to mind? Is it just a religious symbol? Does it bring up old memories from church or another religion?

[digging deeper]

Split up your LifeGroup into smaller groups. Depending on the size it could be 2 or three, couples, etc.

Have each group read a chapter of Galatians and attempt to summarize the chapter in 2-3 sentences.

Come back together as a group and share the summaries from chapters 1 through 6.

Given these summaries, how would your group summarize the over-arching message of Galatians?

Re-read Galatians 6:15. As a group, come up with religious rites and ceremonies to substitute for “circumcision” and “uncircumcision.” (ex. Baptism or not being baptized.) When Paul says these things do not count for anything, what does he mean? Are these things a waste? What don’t they count towards?

[living it out]

Re-read Galatians 6:14: Boasting in—glorying—rejoicing in the cross has the ability to humble and re-center us. As a LifeGroup, put together some action steps that will help your group continue to refocus and glory in the cross.

Pastoral Suggestion: There are several books that come to mind as I consider the cross and humility. Two that I highly recommend to you all personally are Humility by C.J. Mahaney and 50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die by John Piper.

[end with prayer]

Use Galatians 6:14 as a template for your closing prayer time.