

Only Jesus!
**Keeping the main thing
the main truth!**
W/C 29th Sept 2024

There was no-one greater than Paul when it came to living by the law, and no one less likely to embrace the gospel. He was a rigid Pharisee, a fanatical persecutor of the church, and was headed for a high position amongst the religious elite. Then he met Jesus, he encountered the truth, and his life headed in a totally different direction.

Paul's calling was to share the gospel, primarily, with the Gentiles, a task unthinkable for any everyday Jew. Yet that was his calling, appointed by God himself.

His wasn't without challenge. A group of troublemakers called 'Judaizers' had infiltrated the churches. They challenged Paul's ministry and brought into question Paul's insistence that salvation was through grace alone and through faith alone.

The challenges to Paul's ministry grew and eventually things came to a head as Paul went to Jerusalem to meet with the church leaders there and put forward his case.

Welcome: Have you ever been in a situation when you had to make a stand for something that you knew was right, even though you faced opposition?

Worship: Spend some time in worship. Plan an act of worship that is appropriate to your group.

Word: Looking at God's word together:

Galatians 2:1-10

1. Why do you think that Paul was so misunderstood by the Judaizers?
2. Why did he take Titus along to Jerusalem?
3. Why was circumcision such a hot potato?
4. What are the key elements of the gospel?
5. What does verse 10 tell us about the practical outworking of the gospel?

6. Paul asserted the truth, regardless of the consequences. What challenges do we face as we hold on to the truth of the gospel?

Witness: Why does the truth of the gospel matter so much?

Prayer:

- Pray that God will continue to build his holy character in your life.
- Pray for the witness of the church.
- Pray for those on the mission field
- Pray for the planned Alpha course starting on 14th October. Pray particularly for those who have received an invitation to the course.