A TALE OF TWO VISITS

Galatians 2:1-20

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

- 1. THE HUMAN HEART DOES NOT NATURALLY GRASP THE GOSPEL
- 2. ALL THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE ARE PROBLEMS WE HAVE WITH THE GOSPEL

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

- 1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
- 2. What is your personal history with the message of the gospel? When did you first hear it? What does it mean to you? How often do you think about it? How well do you understand it? How has it affected you?
- 3. Peter, James, John and Paul were not "new believers" when they needed to meet to ensure they had the gospel right. They had been personally taught by Jesus and had been following him for almost 20 years! What are some of the ways the modern Church might drift into false beliefs if we take our focus of the gospel as fully sufficient? Have you witnessed this in a Church, other believer, or even yourself?
- 4. All the problems we have are problems we have with the gospel. Consider one of the pervasive problems in your life (i.e. broken relationships, bitterness, anger, lust, anxiety, etc.). What is the connection between that problem and your grasp of the gospel? What might you be looking to instead of Jesus to give you what only he can give you?
- 5. Even after all he had seen and learned, Peter still needed correction when he was walking outof-line with the gospel by being racist toward the gentiles. Who in your life has this sort of access and permission to speak hard truths into your life? What can we learn from Peter about how to receive this sort of rebuke well? What can we learn from Paul about how to give this sort of rebuke well?
- 6. Read Galatians 2:19-20 as a group. If you are in Jesus, Christ lives in you. God the Father looks at you the same way He looks at Jesus. How does God the Father look at Jesus? What are some implications of this truth?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Consider memorizing these two verses together as a group as we continue through our Galatians series:

Galatians 2:19-20

"For through the law I have died to the law, so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."