

BOASTING IN THE CROSS

Galatians 6:11-18

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHAT IT MEANS TO BOAST
2. WHY WE MUST BOAST IN THE CROSS ALONE
3. HOW WE BOAST IN THE CROSS ALONE

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. A boast is anything that we turn to for our validation, strength, confidence or courage. Think about the way that people encourage one another. What are some common places that we instruct one another to look for validation, strength, confidence and courage?
3. What is your boast? Where do you turn for confidence or strength when life gets difficult? In some cases, you may find that you overcame various challenges by boasting in something other than the cross. Can you explain how that can be destructive in the long term?
4. Crucifixion was more than a form of execution; it was a demonstration of the powerlessness of the person being crucified. When Paul says the world was crucified to him it means the world no longer had power over him. To what degree have you experienced this level of freedom from the world?
5. The first step in learning how to boast in the cross alone is to figure out what other things we boast in outside of the cross. Where are you NOT experiencing freedom? Where in your life do you find the most anger, guilt, anxiety, fear, lust, etc.? What is the specific "boast" that is letting you down in that area of life?
6. If we want to learn to have all our confidence in the cross we must be a lifelong student of the gospel. We need teachers who are ahead of us in the gospel that we can open our lives up to and whose example we can follow. Who fills this need in your life? Who are you meeting this need for?
7. If we are going to boast in the cross alone, we must embrace being wounded. What does it look like to embrace wounding? Can you think of something you are avoiding because of how difficult or painful it seems? How might God use that situation to grow you?
8. Now that we have completed the sermon series through Galatians, what are the big themes or takeaways for you? Did you learn anything new that will benefit your walk with Christ? If so, are there any steps you need to take now that you have learned this?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus' resurrected body carries the scars He received for you. He can be trusted.