



**Sermon Series:**  
Galatians: A Life Set Free  
Galatians 2:11-21  
**Speaker:** Tim Voth  
**Date:** February 11, 2024



## GROUP GUIDE

### Connect (25 min)

**Ice Breaker:** What is the best play or drama you've ever seen and why?

**Pray:** *"Lord Jesus, as we come together to meet with you and each other, have mercy on us. Guide us into your loving presence. We go astray, and fall into hypocrisy, but we want to grow. Holy Spirit, convict, comfort, reveal, guide, bind, and strengthen us in fellowship here we ask in Jesus' name. Amen."*

### Message Discussion (35 min)

1. When you think of the idea of actors in a play holding up a mask (hypocrites) where might you see this happening in our society, in our institutions, and in the church?
2. Think of a time where you felt like you were not yourself, what motivated that situation? Think of a time where you felt like you could be yourself, what allowed you to feel that way?
3. The man in the story in the book the cure had to make a choice between "pleasing God" and "trusting God." Discuss the tension between those two paths and where they might lead in the end.
4. There were different aspects of Peter's journey shared in the message (when he walked on water and when he denied Jesus). Do either of those stories resonate with your journey? What about some of Peter's "character flaws?" Would you agree that there are some sins that are dealt with immediately and easily in your life, but others that just seem to hang on?
5. Reflect as a group on this line "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God." Have you ever had moments where in trying to obey "the law" you've come to the end of yourself? How might that "death" be the beginning of true life?
6. Read Galatians 2:20. What stands out? Reflect on why it might be so hard to accept that Jesus loves you.

7. Tim shared that the cure for our hypocrisy is found in the love of Jesus displayed at the cross. How do you, in your own unique way, stay close to the cross? How do you allow Jesus to love you?
  
8. How might the church as a whole aim at authenticity rather than hypocrisy?

## Application & Prayer (20 min)

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## LEADER GUIDE

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3. The man in the story in the book the cure had to make a choice between "pleasing God" and "trusting God." Discuss the tension between those two paths and where they might lead in the end. **Consider that in [Hebrews 11:6](#) it actually tells us that trust is what pleases God. This is where the two ideas come together.**
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5. Reflect as a group on this line "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God." Have you ever had moments where in trying to obey "the law" you've come to the end of yourself? How might that "death" be the beginning of

true life? **When we realize we can't do it is when we are in a position to actually view Jesus as our Saviour because we need saving!**

6. Read Galatians 2:20. What stands out? Reflect on why it might be so hard to accept that Jesus loves you.
7. Tim shared that the cure for our hypocrisy is found in the love of Jesus displayed at the cross. How do you, in your own unique way, stay close to the cross? How do you allow Jesus to love you? **As in, are there practices you have in your life that allow the love of Jesus to sink into your whole being? Could be quiet reflection, going for a nature walk, conversation with a gracious friend, worship songs, etc.**
8. How might the church as a whole aim at authenticity rather than hypocrisy? **Remember that it starts with us. Keep this conversation positive, not devolving into criticism.**

## Application & Prayer (20 min)

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(If helpful, break into groups of Men/Women or 3-4 people. I would also recommend not simply listing many disconnected things from far removed aspects of your life, friends, or family, but focusing on those things in your own lives that need prayer that come out of this message or that come out of your 'highs and lows', and if necessary a few brief requests for other things going on)

## Resources

### Hyperlinked Scripture:

[Galatians 2](#), [Matthew 14 \(Peter on the water\)](#), [Luke 22 \(Peter's Denial\)](#),

### Resources:

[Book: The Cure](#), [Sermon Podcast](#)