



THE GOSPEL AND LEGALISM

Read Galatians 1:6-7. What is the gospel? How does the grace of Christ help to determine what is the true gospel?

Read Mark 1:1-4. What was so unique about the message that John the Baptist was proclaiming? What was so different between John's message and the message of the religious leaders of that day?

Read Matthew 12:34 and Luke 11:42. What danger is there in doing good or being good? What are some modern examples of making certain behaviors a reason for God being pleased with us?

THE GOSPEL AND MOTIVES

Read Genesis 13:10-11. Describe how Lot's decision affected his future. Given the choice he had to make, what were alternative choices that may have led to a different future?

Read Galatians 2:14. What religious actions are not compatible with the gospel? Describe how what a person believes and what their motivations are is related to being in harmony with the gospel message.

Read Colossians 2:8. Identify ways that many people believe are the proper way to live. Describe the difference between what their message is and the message of the gospel.

THE GOSPEL AND MAN

Read Galatians 1:10. "How does what people think is right as opposed to what Scripture says is right influence what Christians do?" Identify some conflicts between the gospel and our culture.

Read 1 Samuel 13:5-14. Describe the pressures of leadership. Why is pleasing other people such a powerful motivation? Identify an area in your life where you have a conflict between pleasing others and pleasing God. What are you going to do?

Read Acts 5:40-42. Identify areas in the world where there is official gospel opposition and persecution. What are some ways we can be true to the gospel.