

# Connecting Group Study Guide

## *Knowing, Growing, Going*

Week of June 26-July 2, 2016

### Follow-up

1. Start by checking in with each other about your previous week.
2. Share with one another regarding last week's action step. Who did you share your gospel story with? How was it received? Is there any potential for a follow-up conversation?

This week we continued in our series titled "the Whole Gospel." Pastor Chris pointed out the importance of getting the Gospel right from the beginning because it will affect the type of disciples we make. We even looked at some false gospels and why they are false. Pastor Chris challenged us to examine ourselves to see if we have been changing the Gospel of Jesus to meet our own lifestyle or if we are allowing the Gospel of Jesus to transform us. We will explore this a bit more this week.

Begin by reading together Galatians 1:9-24.

### Knowing God (Encounter)

In this passage Paul emphasizes that he is not trying to tailor the Gospel of Jesus to make it more palatable to others or himself (1:9-10).

1. According to vv. 11-12 from where did he receive the Gospel message?
2. Share with the group where you first received the Gospel message?

### Growing in Christ-likeness (Sanctification)

1. According to vv. 13-20, how did Paul's encounter with the grace of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ transform his life?
2. Share with the group how your life has changed as a result of responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Going to Our Neighbors and the World (Obedience)

1. According to vv. 21-24, how were others impacted by Paul's receiving the Gospel and his resulting transformation?
2. How have others around you (family, friends, etc.) been impacted as a result of your response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

**Action Step:** As a group, plan a time together to serve someone in your local community. The reason is to be a living example of the Gospel to Jesus Christ to others. Maybe your group could serve someone in your neighborhood (take someone a meal, sit and visit with an elderly neighbor, mow and landscape a neighbor's yard, etc.).

Close in prayer together.