

# ONLY THE BROKEN

## Week 4 | Only The Broken | August 16, 2015

### Opening Up:

Are you more likely to create conflict or to avoid it?

How do you usually handle conflict?

What is it about conflict that makes you behave this way?

**Reference:** Galatians 2:11-21

### Discuss:

1. In 2:14 Paul says that “their conduct” was “not in step with the truth of the gospel.” This is essentially what it means to be a hypocrite. Obviously Peter is an apostle who knows and believes the gospel. Does it surprise you that Peter and Barnabas acted hypocritically?
2. How do you think this conflict between Paul and Peter would have affected you had you been there? Why was this conflict necessary? What would the consequences be had Paul not confronted Peter?
3. Why does God care about who you eat with? (v. 12) What does eating with people communicate? Does your dinner table communicate that you are in step with the gospel?
4. Do you think this statement is true, “Sunday morning is the most segregated hour of Christian America?” Segregation is not just a matter of race. In what other ways do Christians sometimes practice segregation?
5. Paul confronts the separatism of Peter by reminding him of the doctrine of justification by faith alone through grace alone. (v. 16) How does being saved by God’s unmerited favor affect the way we relate to others in the world? Why does this doctrine not allow us to practice segregation?
6. Peter gave into peer pressure. (v. 12) Why is this true: “If we seek our justification from others, we will be segregationists?”
7. Do you think this statement is true: “The power of racism is that it gives a visible and objective rationale for self-justification”? How does justification erase racism?
8. In verse 20 we discover that we have been crucified with Christ. What is the difference between saying, “Christ died for me” and “I died with Christ”?
9. Why is believing that we have died with Christ an important prerequisite to believing that Christ now lives in and for us?
10. What, outside of the Jesus, do you sometimes seek to justify you? Why is it hard to rebuke this false hope?
11. Pray.