

ONLY THE BROKEN

Week 6 | Only The Broken | August 30, 2015

Opening Up:

Do you have a pet peeve?

What would be a normal reaction for you toward your pet peeve?

How did your pet peeve develop?

Reference: Galatians 3:15-25

Discuss:

1. React to what John Stott wrote. Do you agree? John Stott wrote: "Some people seem to think of the Bible as a trackless jungle, full of contradictions, a tangled undergrowth of unrelated ideas. In fact, it is quite the opposite, for one of the chief glories of the Bible is its coherence. The whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation tells the story of God's sovereign purpose of grace, His master-plan of salvation through Christ."
2. God's promise has only to be believed to produce the desired result. While, the law has to be obeyed to produce the desired result. Free grace recipients always ask, "If I am always saved only by Christ's performance and not my own, why should I strive to live a good life?" How would you respond to this question?
3. Abraham received a promise from God that his family would bless all families (Genesis 12). Paul says that Jesus is the promise (v. 3:16). How has Jesus blessed all of the families of the world? How has Jesus blessed you?
4. When we magnify our sin without grace, it causes despair. When we magnify the sins of others to diminish our own sins, it causes pride. How does the gospel speak to despair and pride?
5. Why is it wrong to counsel someone by saying, "you can do this?" Why is saying, "you can't do this, but with Jesus you can" a better answer?
6. Romans 5:20 says that where sin increases God's grace abounds. When you diminish your sin, you are also diminishing the grace of God. Take a look at this statement and let's see what you think, "The gospel does not ignore your failures. The gospel gives you power to look at your failures in the eye and say, "You no longer define me." Why is God's grace so much greater than your failures?
7. Paul said that the law revealed to us our nature. Namely, that under the law we were convicted and imprisoned (v. 3:19, 22). That's why we need a salvation by faith and through grace. We are incapable of saving ourselves. Paul says that the law is also a guardian (or a tutor). What does the law teach us about grace?
8. Why is this true: "The aim of the Christian life is not about minimizing your sin, but maximizing his grace."
9. In what area of your life do you need to experience the grace of God in? What failure needs to meet the overwhelming grace of God? Tell the group and the group tell you the gospel.
10. Pray.