



## **DRAW NEAR**

### **Set FREE to BE UNITED**

*Galatians 2:11-20*

### **DRAW NEAR REMINDERS**

You DRAW NEAR by ENGAGING in your group

- What can your group do this year to help one another Draw Near?

You DRAW NEAR by BEING EXPECTANT

- What does it mean to BE EXPECTANT on a Sunday Morning?
- How do you do at this?

You can HELP OTHERS DRAW NEAR through our HOW SURVEY

- Maybe take a few minutes TODAY and fill it out!

### **READ TOGETHER**

Take some time as a group to read our passage from Galatians this week:

**Galatians 2:11-20**

*(if you want to get the full context, read all of Galatians 2)*

### **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

What stuck out to you or what challenged you from this week's message?

Duey made the statement

**EVERYTHING IS A GOSPEL ISSUE**

- What do you think that means?
- Do you agree with it or disagree with it? Why?
- What does that practically look like in your life?

Duey made the statement

**SOMETIMES HARD WORDS  
FROM A LOVING HEART NEED TO BE SAID**

- What do you think about that statement?
- Have you ever experienced someone saying some hard words to you that you needed to hear?
- What keeps YOU from saying hard words with a loving heart to people?
- What happens when you don't?

This week we saw that the **Gospel SETS US FREE to BE UNITED**

The **Gospel SETS US FREE** from

the **PRIDE** of **RACE**  
the **PRIDE** of **FACE** and **PLACE**  
the **PRIDE** of **GRACE**

The **PRIDE OF RACE** happens

when we think that we are superior or inferior because of our racial identity

- Is this something that you've experienced or that you struggle with on some level?
- What's the danger in this?
- How does the Gospel speak to this?
- What does that mean for daily life?

The **PRIDE OF FACE** and **PLACE**

happens when we think that we are superior or inferior because of our position in life, our abilities or our achievements

- Is this something that you've experienced or that you struggle with on some level?
- What's the danger in this?
- How does the Gospel speak to this?
- What does that mean for daily life?

## The **PRIDE OF GRACE**

happens when we think that we are superior because we've had a good life, or because we haven't struggled with some things that other people struggle with

- Is this something that you've experienced or that you struggle with on some level?
- What's the danger in this?
- How does the Gospel speak to this?
- What does that mean for daily life?

## **NEXT**

Based on what we've looked at this week

What is the **NEXT** thing that you need to do?

How can we help?

## **CONNECT**

Take some time to **CONNECT** together and **PRAY** for one another

- Are there any areas of your life that we can celebrate?
- Are there any areas of your life where we can help?
- Are there any areas of your life that we can be praying about?

## FURTHER READING

*Peter at first "used to eat" meals with the Christians at Antioch, who were both Jews and "Gentiles," until some Jewish visitors came from Jerusalem (cf. Acts 10:28; 11:3). They may have been from the group that believed Gentiles needed to undergo circumcision before they could become Christians. If so, they were not "from James" in the sense that James endorsed their views; he did not (v. 9). Perhaps they were simply Jews who came from the same church as James.<sup>102</sup> When these "certain men"—Paul did not call them brethren—came, they intimidated Peter (cf. Prov. 29:25), who gradually separated himself from the Gentile Christians, evidently to avoid conflict. Some other Jewish believers living in Antioch followed Peter's example, as did "even Barnabas." They were being hypocritical, saying one thing and doing another. Peter had a tendency to compromise his convictions when he was under pressure (cf. Matt. 16:16-23; 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27).*

*Justification comes by believing in Christ, period (cf. Acts 16:31). Paul, Peter, and the other believers assembled had simply believed in Christ (cf. Job 9:1-2). Paul stated as a maxim that obedience to ("works of") "the Law" never justified anybody (Rom. 3:20). Paul refuted the charge of the Judaizers that justification by faith led to lawless behavior. He said this made "Christ," in effect, a promoter ("minister") "of sin." This could "never be"! If a Christian puts himself or herself back under the Law, the Law will show him or her to be a sinner, since no one can keep the Law perfectly. These verses are a strong testimony that Christians are free from the requirements of the Mosaic Law.*

*When a person trusts Christ, God identifies him or her with Christ, not only in the present and future, but also in the past. The believer did what Christ did. When Christ died, I died. When Christ arose from the grave, I arose to newness of life. My old self-centered life died when I died with Christ. His Spirit-directed life began in me when I arose with Christ. Therefore, in this sense, the Christian's life is really the life of Christ ("Christ lives in me").<sup>122</sup> We can also live "by faith"—daily (the life which I now live in the flesh)—just as we became Christians by faith (v. 16). "Faith" in both cases means trust in Christ. We can trust Him because He "loved" us and "gave Himself up" as a sacrifice for us.*

*Dr. Thomas Crawford; Commentary on Galatians*