

Sermon Questions

Galatians 1:10

Who to Please

1. People often use social media such as Facebook and Twitter to satisfy their yearning to be accepted and liked. This can be a dangerous and unhealthy habit. How does the need for approval and the need to be liked reveal deeper issues about a person?
2. False gospels come in many forms. The Judaizers taught that to receive salvation one needed to be circumcised and continue to follow the Law of Moses. Certain people in the church of Galatia were listening and following this different gospel. Read the following scriptures: Romans 3:20-24; Ephesians 2:4-9; Titus 2:11; 3:5. Why is the Judaizers' message such a detriment to the true gospel? Why do you think people today follow a different gospel similar to what the Judaizers taught?
3. In Galatians 1:10 Paul draws a distinct contrast between winning the approval of men and winning the approval of God. Describe a situation in which you felt pressured to be liked rather than be bold for Christ. Did you give in to people pleasing? What were the results?
4. Pastor Tom mentioned that it always seems easier to choose to say or do the thing that the culture says is the politically correct or tolerant thing to say or do. Why do you think this is? What are we fearful of that may prevent us from choosing to please God?
5. Pastor Tom mentioned that in order to avoid being people pleasers we must first remember the price that Jesus paid for each of us on the cross. Death on a cross was not only shameful but also embarrassing and humiliating. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How can this powerful remembrance prevent you from giving in to people pleasing? What does Jesus' death on the cross say about his love for us?
6. Pastor Tom asked us to think about the fact that someday each one of us is going to have to give an account to God (Matthew 12:36; Acts 10:42; 1 Peter 4:5). While this may seem like a scary thing, it is actually liberating to know that we only have one person to please-Jesus. How can this truth set you free from people pleasing?
7. Spend time in prayer together as a group. Pray that God would give you boldness to please him at work, school, and in every area of your life. Pray for wisdom and discernment so you may know how to respond with grace and answer everyone (Colossians 4:6).