Galatians 1:10-24 Study

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?
READ GALATIANS 1:10-24
1. How does Paul's explanation in versus 11-24 answer the questions regarding his desire to please man or God?
2. Respond to this statement: "There is a fine line between being approved by others and having such approval as our motivation." (Scott McKnight-NIV Application Commentary)
3. In what ways do you struggle with seeking the approval of others? Why is this dangerous?
4. Paul had been zealous for the traditions of his fathers. Describe both the positive and negative aspects of traditions then and now.

5. Explain how Paul's testimony regarding his calling would surprise or shock a Jewish audience at that time?
6. Explain how Paul's testimony regarding his calling would surprise or shock a Christian audience at that time?
7. What lesson(s) do you glean from the surprise or shock of both these audiences?
8. Describe the responses of the churches of Judea to Paul's testimony. In what ways does this inspire you?