Galatians 2:1-10 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 2:1-10

NOTE: Paul makes clear in Galatians 1 that the Gospel he preached was not dependent on human teaching. Now he points out that he is returning to Jerusalem 14 years later (having no contact with the Twelve during that time). Paul went to Jerusalem from a divine revelation, not because the church leaders summoned him.

1. Paul had been establishing churches in regions where the church in Jerusalem had no influence. Why do you think God sent Paul to Jerusalem to meet with church leaders?

2. Give a description of Barnabus (Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-30) and tell why you think it was helpful to have him accompany Paul to Jerusalem?

3. From this passage, Titus 1:4, 2 Corinthians 2:12-13, and 2 Corinthians 8:16-23 share what you learn about Titus and his relationship with Paul? Why do you think it was helpful to have him minister along side Paul?

4. Explain the slavery and freedom Paul was talking about relating to the false brothers.

5. What did the pillars of the church conclude (v. 9) about Paul's ministry and how did they respond? What key fact regarding salvation were they endorsing?
6. Describe the one request the pillars of the church had made of Paul? How did Paul honor that request (Romans 15:26-27; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 16-22 and 9:1-9)?
7. Share some principles that you find evident in this passage. Explain ways you can apply at least one of the principles.