

How to use This Guide:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Our Main Idea:

Justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone means boasting in the cross alone.

Opening Question

Invite learners to share their answers to the following questions:

- What is the American Dream?
- Can it really satisfy us? Why or why not?
- Why do we spend so much time pursuing the American Dream for ourselves and wanting it for our children if it really doesn't satisfy us?
- What do our answers to these questions reveal about ourselves?

Today we will take a look at how the cross should be the obsession of our lives.

Key Questions:

- How does Paul speak of the hypocrisy of the false teachers in these verses? How does legalism lead to hypocrisy?
- In what possessions, gifts, and opportunities are you tempted to boast? How does the message of the cross change your perspective?
- What does it mean to boast in the cross? How can you boast in the cross practically every day?
- Why might proclaiming the cross bring persecution?
- How does Paul say the cross should affect our view of the world?
- Do you think many people perceive Christianity as "being nice" instead of "becoming a new creation"? How does the latter change everything?
- What does Paul mean by "follow this standard" (v. 16)? How does this relate to Paul's confrontation of Peter (2:14)?
- How do "peace" and "mercy" relate to the gospel?
- How is Christ's death on the cross unique and unrepeatable? How is it a pattern for His followers?
- What role should the cross play in a gospel presentation? Be specific.
- In the original text, the word for boasting indicates more of a sense of treasuring or obsessing over something. How does this definition affect the way that you view the meaning of Galatians 6:14?
- **What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?**

Next Steps

What did God say to you today through His Word? And what are you going to do about it!

Finish your group time with prayer, asking God for help in living in Freedom

Experience

Your Relationship with God

How do our actions and even our words sometimes indicate that we believe that more than the cross is required for our salvation?

Equip

Your Relationship with Others

How do we sometimes change or adjust the gospel in order to make others feel comfortable? How is this behavior deceptive?

Engage

Your Relationship with the World

What does a life that has been crucified with Christ look like on a daily basis?