

Small Group Discussion Guide

“It’s Personal” (pt. 3) – 2/8/15

Scripture: Galatians 2:20

Bottom Line: Dying to self results in proclaiming God’s significance daily.

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever noticed a divide between the sacred and the secular in your life? Most likely you have if you’re honest. We often have this tendency to compartmentalize our faith to a certain time of the day or even just a certain day. Why do you think there exists this divide between the sacred and the secular in our lives? Let’s talk about what it would look like to proclaim God’s significance continuously.

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read Galatians 2:20

What does Paul mean when he says that he has been crucified with Christ?

- Christ was crucified to deliver Paul from eternal separation from God. In response to this, Paul counted his life as over so that he could dedicate his life to Christ.

Does this truth apply to all Christians? What does that look like?

What holds Christians back from getting go of their old ways to follow Christ more?

- Pride – we like our autonomy. We like to think that we are in control of things.

How does Christ live in us?

- Christ lives in us through the Holy Spirit, who is also God. In a very real sense, Christ is in you carrying out his will to please the Father.

This verses says that Christ “gave himself” for us. How would you explain that to someone who does not believe in Christ?

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

How does a Christian die to self and proclaim God’s significance daily?

- Trust. Am I trusting that God is in control? Am I trusting that God remains good even if my situation is hard?
- Gratitude. Our good works do not make us righteous. Jesus made us righteous. Our good works are a thankful response to his love.
- Obedience. God calls us to deny desires that are contrary to Scripture and place our minds and hearts on God’s desires.