

Galatians

Chapter 1

Verses 1-3 The letter begins with a typical salutation acknowledging the writer and the reader. So, who wrote it and to whom is it written? What do your Bible say about this letter? Do you have background information in your study Bible?

In verses 6-10 what do you think was happening in Galatia? What does gospel mean? What does Paul believe?

In verses 11-12 he shared where he got his gospel. It may have differed from the others who had come to Galatia. We can assume their gospel came from human teachers – perhaps even the original disciples! Where and from whom all did you get the gospel you believe today?

In verses 13-17 Paul shares a bit of his story. (Some have asked about studying Acts after this and there we will hear much more about Paul's conversion and his missionary journeys.) What all do you know about Paul's story? And more importantly, how would you tell someone about your own story? Let's share them in class.

In verses 18-24 he does not say a lot about what all happened as he met with Peter and James. But let me ask you in your journey have you ever gone to a seminar, gathering or retreat? Have you gone to hear Billy Graham or a huge women's or men's conference? What did you experience in those encounters that has stuck with you?