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- ▶ What did they seem to be fighting about in this passage? (vs. 3-5)
- ▶ From vs. 5, what motivated Paul to not yield to their complaints? What did he mean by that?

II. THE FIGHTING CHURCH: THE GOSPEL

- ▶ Some were saying Christians have to be circumcised and to continue keeping the OT ceremonial laws (vs. 4). How would that “bring us into slavery”?
- ▶ What are other ways people try to add to the gospel of grace alone? How do even well-meaning “Christians” add to the finished work of Jesus?
- ▶ Discuss any ways you think you need to do something else in order to feel fully accepted and loved by God? Any place you feel it’s Jesus + something...?

III. THE FIGHTING CHURCH: WELCOME

- ▶ Why do you think Paul might have brought uncircumcised Titus along with him (v. 1,3) as he fights for the gospel of grace... “Jesus + nothing”?
- ▶ Discuss the reasons why we didn’t deserve to be welcomed by God and then what it took to welcome us into his presence. How are those truths meant to motivate us into being a more welcoming church?
- ▶ Are there any types of people you, your family or Life Group struggle to welcome? In what ways could you (or your family or Life Group), by God’s grace, move toward being more welcoming?

"Every day of our Christian experience should be a day of relating to God on the basis of His grace alone. We are not only saved by grace, but we also live by grace every day." ~ Jerry Bridges

"Knowing we're saved by grace but still living under the law makes for a spiritually neurotic person."
~ Beth Moore

"...the gospel doesn't need a coalition devoted to keeping the wrong people out. It needs a family of sinners, saved by grace, committed to tearing down the walls, throwing open the doors, and shouting, "Welcome! There's bread and wine. Come eat with us and talk." This isn't a kingdom for the worthy; it's a kingdom for the hungry."
~ Rachel Held Evans

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