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A STUDY IN GALATIANS

Small Group Study Guide

OVERVIEW

Mike spoke on our motivation. He highlighted six things that should motivate us while recognizing that this side of the grave, our motivations will never be completely pure.

1. Fear of God.
2. Fear of a wasted life.
3. Pleasure
4. Rewards—both temporal and especially eternal
5. The Gospel
6. Love of God

READ

Galatians 1:10

DISCUSS

1. Pastor Mike said that Christians should do the right thing even if it's for the wrong reason. Do you agree? Why or why not?
2. God calls us to love and honor him for our own sake. Share if and how you have seen good come as a result of praising God.

3. Read Galatians 1:10. What does Paul imply is a requirement for being a servant of Christ?

4. How is fearing God a liberating thing to do? Has there been a time in your life when the fear of God has set you free from the fear of something else? (For more, look at Matthew 10:28)

5. In light of the fact that God has wired us to enjoy beauty, a nice meal, good company, and more, how does the pursuit of legitimate pleasure motivate you?

6. Read Matthew 10 40-42. Only a few verses after the command not to fear man but to fear God, we see that a reward is present for those who help "the least of these." Have you ever felt "skit-tish" as Mike said about being motivated by a promised reward? Why or why not?

7. The most important motivation for Christians is a love of God. Do you try to grow your love for God? How?

8. Mike encouraged us to "lift the hood" in our own life and examine what motivates us. Can you identify some common motivations in your life? Is there one of Mike's 6 motivators that resonates with you?