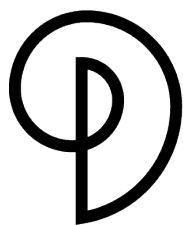
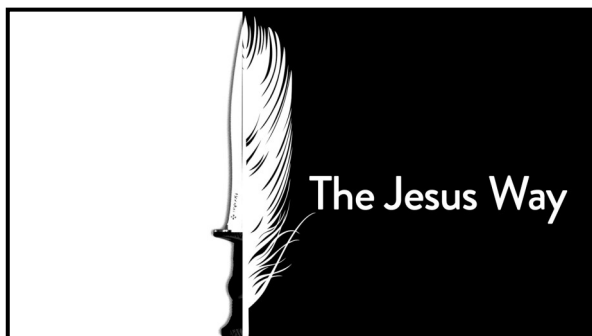


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



PRINCE
OF PEACE
Called to Connect



The Jesus Way | Justify

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SCRIPTURE TEXT: GALATIANS 2:15-21

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

This is Paul's clear call to freedom from the law. The law cannot and will not bring us the fullness of life that God in Jesus Christ offers. It's not the full picture of the God in Jesus Christ, who is the object of our faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ***There are definitely A LOT of laws and rules of the road AND there also has to be GRACE, otherwise every student driver (and licensed driver for that matter) ought to immediately turn themselves in to the local police station for all of their violations of the law!*** Share a story from when you were learning to drive or from when you were teaching somebody how to drive. How does law and grace figure into your story?
- ***The point of being a student driver is to give it a go and learn from the teacher who's alongside you on the journey. The goal is not to never make a mistake.*** Have you ever been so afraid of making a mistake that you missed an opportunity to learn and grow? Share about that experience. What is an important life lesson you have learned from making a mistake? Who was the teacher alongside you? How did grace play a role in your learning process?
- ***... The same goes for being a disciple or follower of The Jesus Way.*** Paul's letter to the Galatians says it this way: ***For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God.*** Share about a time that you were "bad at trying to be good." What is your relationship to "the law" currently? What role does it play in your daily life? Have you ever had an "altar call/come to Jesus"-type moment like Paul describes in your faith journey? If so, share about it.
- ***You, and me, and all people are being invited through the Holy Spirit and the gift of faith to JUST DRIVE, and in the driving, Jesus will help us to become more like him by showing us his ways. And WHEN (not IF) we screw things up, he's there to help us get back on the road.*** How/when has faith in Jesus been a gift in your life? What is one way that you are becoming more like Jesus? Share a recent example of a time when Jesus has helped you get back on the road after screwing something up.

CHALLENGE: Treat yourself and others with "Student Driver" grace as you learn and follow "The Jesus Way."