



Galatians wk3: Unifying Force

Introduction: From the very beginning of the church, there have been forces looking to divide it. Paul shares what was at stake in the Jerusalem council while also reminding us that only the gospel can hold us together.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is unity so important for any organization or movement, yet incredibly difficult to maintain?
2. What is the problem, speaking in terms of the church, in trying to keep unity for unity's sake? How does mission and purpose work to strengthen unity?
3. Read **Galatians 2:1-5** Paul makes a point about taking Titus with him. Why does he do that? What is the importance of remembering that the things we contemplate are not simply "issues," but are about real people?
4. What is the difference between unity and uniformity? What are things that we can have freedom to practice differently but don't change the essence of the gospel?
5. Read **Galatians 2:6-10** Paul says that the group recognized different callings. Sometimes we can be frustrated that other Christians don't see a ministry or cause that we are involved in as their highest priority. What can we learn from what Paul says is recognized here?
6. Why do you think it was so important to "remember the poor?" How can our efforts to serve the poor work to preserve unity and focus on the gospel?

Shaping Your Mind – I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. Gal 2:2b

Moving Forward – Unity is hard work. Hold tighter to the gospel and your brothers than your opinion.