

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21-27

## Context

In Galatians 2:1-21, Paul confronts the pressure to conform to others' opinions, emphasizing freedom from such influence. We must maintain independence from societal or religious expectations through the gospel. What does freedom in Christ look like amidst external pressures? Let's explore questions like that deeply in our study.

## **Study Questions**

Read Galatians 2:1-14

- 1. How does Paul's visit to the Jerusalem church relate to the broader context of his ministry?
- 2. Why did Paul refuse to allow Titus to be circumcised?
- 3. What was the response of the Jerusalem "pillars" of the church? Why was their acceptance of Paul significant?
- 4. What was Peter's error, and why did Paul rebuke him?

## **Application Questions**

- 1. What are some ways you've seen the personal convictions of some Christians imposed upon others? Why is this problematic?
- 2. Reflect on a time when you felt pressured to conform to the opinions or expectations of others, even if it conflicted with your faith. How can a firm grasp of justification by faith alone help you stand firm in such situations?
- 3. Why is contending for the freedom that comes from Jesus such a significant issue in the life of the church?
- 4. How can we create a "gospel culture" where all people feel welcome and included because we're all included and accepted before God by faith alone?