

## THE POWER OF YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

### Starting point:

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our **website [www.vcfj.org](http://www.vcfj.org)** and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

### When Giving Your Testimony, HEAVEN AND HELL ARE AT STAKE.

#### *Gal. 1:1 and 1:12*

- What do *vvs. 1 and 12* have in common?
- Why is it important for Paul to make this known?
- What are the “three negatives” that Pastor mentions Paul uses to refute his opponents claims?
- What is the difference between the Gospel that Paul preached and the gospel preached by those who perverted it to the Galatians?
- **Read Gen 3:1-5**
- How did Satan pervert God’s Word to Adam and Eve?
- Pastor said Heaven and Hell are at stake and “as a child of the Living God, transformed by the Gospel of Grace we need to defend our calling and our message.” Why is this so important?
- As soon as we begin to make claims about Biblical truth, people begin to ask questions. How should we handle the questions knowing Heaven and Hell are at stake?

## When giving your testimony, FOCUS ON CHRIST'S WORK

### **Gal. 1:13-17**

- Can you summarize Paul's life before his conversation to Jesus beyond what is said in **Verses 13-14**? After summarizing Paul's life before his conversation, was he a good candidate for salvation?
- Why did Paul choose not to go into all the details in **vvs 13-14** that you shared in your summary?
- What do **verses 15-16** tell us?
- What does it mean God had His sovereign hand on Paul?
- Does God know you from birth? How about today?
- What part of our personal testimony and Paul's personal testimony is the same?
- Why do you think Paul had a three year "private Seminary" in the Arabian Desert?
- Why was the power of Paul's personal life changing testimony so challenging to the Galatians?
- Why is your personal life changing testimony so challenging to non-believers?
- When giving your testimony, THEY WILL GLORIFY GOD **Gal. 1:21-24**  
Pastor gave us several suggestions on how to share our powerful personal testimony.
- What were they?
- What does it mean to be humble when you share your testimony?
- What was the "result" of Paul sharing his testimony and could be the result of you sharing your testimony?

### **Application**

At the beginning of the message, Pastor gave us three bullet points to remember and answer at the end of the message.

- If God did transform your life, you have a personal testimony.
- Your personal testimony is meant to be told, not hidden in your heart.
- Your personal testimony is another way to deliver the Gospel message.
- With the Biblical advice, Pastor shared at the end of the message, "What is your testimony? If you had to convince someone that Christ is real by giving an example from your own life, what would you say?"