ECC Growth Groups – Term 2, 2014 Study 2 – Galatians 1:10-2:10

Think about a time when you were telling someone a message that was important or a message that they found hard to believe. How did you try and convince them that it was important or believable?

Read Galatians 1:10-2:10.

Think back to our passage from last week (1:1-10). What was the situation in these Galatian churches that Paul was writing to?

What questions might this have raised for the Galatians regarding Paul and his Gospel?

Look particularly at verses 10-12 in Chapter 1. How does Paul initially respond?

Paul continues his defence of himself and his Gospel right through to the end of our passage. Split your group into two smaller groups. Get one group to look at 1:13-24 and the other group to look at 2:1-10. Using the relevant passage, choose from <u>one</u> of the three options below:

- (i) 'Mock' interview. One person can pretend to be a news reporter and another can pretend to be Paul. Extra group members can help come up with questions and responses from the passage. Allow some time for the group to prepare their interview and then present it to the larger group.
- (ii) Drama. Have various group members act out the different characters, interactions and events mentioned in the passage. Allow some time for the group to prepare their script and then present their drama to the larger group.
- (iii) Investigation. Have the group read the passage and pretend that they are detectives compiling a dossier on Paul and his message. Allow some time for the group to prepare and then report their findings back to the larger group.

Paul mentions a lot of details about himself and various events in his life in this passage. What is his purpose in doing this?

How do all these details strengthen the claims that Paul made in 1:10-12?

In terms of receiving the Gospel, in what ways are we different from Paul?

Given that this is the case, how does our passage equip us to discern the various messages we might be taught?

How does this passage reassure you in terms of the truth of the Gospel?