

ECC Growth Groups – Term 2, 2014
Study 3 – Galatians 2:11-21

How would you define hypocrisy?

Why do we find hypocrisy so distasteful?

Read Galatians 2:11-21.

What does Peter do when he comes to Antioch?

What effect does Peter's action have on others?

What is underlying Peter's behaviour here?

How does Paul respond?

What does Paul see is at stake here?

In the verses that follow, Paul continues to explain exactly what was at stake in this incident with Peter at Antioch. Split your group into pairs or triplets. Have each pair/triplet complete the following table from verses 15-21.

	At the start of the Christian life	Throughout the Christian life
The place of the law		
The place of faith in Christ		

Bring your group back together. Share responses for each category entry in the table.

How do verses 15-21 relate to Paul's episode with Peter?

In what ways do verses 20-21 sum up Paul's position?

How does our whole passage contribute to Paul's overall response to the situation in these Galatian churches?

From our Activity we saw that faith alone is central both at the start and throughout the Christian life (It is faith in Jesus that justifies. Our new life is one that is lived by faith). What challenges pose a threat to this for us?

Think about your personal life. What additions to faith might others sense as being necessary in order to be right with God?

Think about our church life. What additions to faith might others sense as being necessary in order to be right with God?