

Galatians Series #3 – Amazing Grace
January 26, 2014
Galatians 1:10-24

1. Paul defended his use of strong words by declaring that he was not about pleasing people, but following God.
 - a. How can trying to please people conflict with following (or pleasing) God?
 - b. What makes pleasing people our ultimate goal in life a fool's quest, regardless if we are a follower of Jesus or not?
 - c. What are we giving up, or in danger of giving up, if we choose to follow God above the desires or wishes of other people?
 - d. What do we gain that we can never lose by following God over what other people want from us or want us to be?
 - e. Where have you felt other people trying to manipulate you into things you felt were wrong or into doing something for the wrong reasons?
 - i. What are you going to do about it this week (or next time)?

2. Paul did not hide his past, but saw how God had shaped him through his past to be a blessing to other people for the glory of the gospel of Jesus.
 - a. What elements of your past can you see that God has used to bless others in their journey towards or with Jesus?
 - b. Are there elements of your past that you are still keeping hidden? Ask God for the courage to be willing to use even those things to bless others with what Jesus has done for you?
 - c. Consider writing your own biography, telling your story, looking for how God used your past to point others to the future He has for them.

Scripture Memorization: Galatians 1:10