**7 July 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**

**“Paul Rebukes a Titan in the Church”—Galatians 2:11-14**

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1.    What important person came to Antioch (v. 11a)?

2.What happened between this person who came to Antioch and Paul (v. 11b)?

3.What caused this confrontation (v. 12)?

4.Why did this important person who came to Antioch act the way he did (v. 12b)?

5.Who else began acting this way because they were influenced by the example of this important person (v. 13)?

6.What was Paul’s assessment of their actions (v. 13a)?

7.Why was Paul so upset by what these Jewish believers did (v. 14a)?

8.What was Paul’s challenging question to this important person (v. 14b)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

9.   How do you assess Peter’s behavior in this incident?  Was Peter a false teacher as a consequence of his error?  Should Paul and the Gentile Christians have considered him an enemy of the Gospel?  Should the Gentiles have written Peter off?

10.  What might indicate to you that Peter humbled himself and repented of his harmful behavior to these Gentile Christians?

11.  What do you think the Jewish people from James might have said to Peter to cause him to withdraw from associating with his Gentile brethren?

12.  What is a strong indication that Peter also stopped communing at the Lord’s Table with the Gentile Christians?

13.  Is it wrong for a Christian to refrain from receiving the Lord’s Supper with brethren even though NOT living in unrepentant sin?  Why or why not?

14.  Does a church act contrary to the Gospel by adding an additional requirement for Christian inclusion to a person who has received Christian baptism by sprinkling or effusion as a child and who professes faith in Christ alone? Why or why not?

15.  Can you think of some ways and instances where Christians or churches add additional requirements beyond faith in Christ alone to be fully accepted as a brother or sister in the Lord?

16.  Does a professing Christian who does not want to fellowship with other Christians, for whatever reason, act inconsistently with the Gospel?  Why or why not?

17.  Other than being providentially hindered, does a Christian ever have a legitimate reason to disassociate himself or herself from other Christians?

18.  Do you think Paul’s argument with Peter was immediately successful?  Why or why?  What might indicate that Paul’s arguments did not initially prevail?