

*When Peter came back to Antioch, I had a face-to-face confrontation with him because he was clearly out of line. Here's the situation. Earlier, before certain persons had come from James, Peter regularly ate with the non-Jews. But when that conservative group came from Jerusalem, he cautiously pulled back and put as much distance as he could manage between himself and his non-Jewish friends ... Unfortunately, the rest of the Jews in the Antioch church joined in that hypocrisy so that even Barnabas was swept along in the charade. (Galatians 2:11-13 MSG)*

*My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)*

**It's not about changing my situation; it is Jesus changing me.**

*Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. (Matthew 16:24-25)*

**It's not about my selfish feelings, it is making selfless choices.**

*Because we belong to Christ Jesus, we have crucified our selfish feelings and desires. (Galatians 5:24 CEV)*

*Choose today whom you will serve ... But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)*

**It's not about how close I can get to the world, it is how close I can follow Jesus.**

*As for me, God forbid that I should boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in all the attractive things of the world was crucified long ago, and the world's interest in me is also long dead. (Galatians 6:14 LB)*

*"Don't link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself. I'll be the Father to you; you'll be the sons and daughters to me."  
(2 Corinthians 6:17-18)*

*He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.  
(John 3:30)*

**Icebreaker** (Choose 1 or more to get the conversation going)

1. What was your favorite subject in school growing up?
2. What is your most embarrassing phobia?

**Application Questions:** (Choose 3 or more to discuss)

1. **Read Galatians 2.** Discuss anything specific that stuck out to you. Engage conversation about what God is showing each LG member.

2. **Read Galatians 2:11-13.** Do you have someone in your life that will get in your face and tell you you're missing the mark? Are you that for someone else? How can you avoid being 'swept along' with the crowd?

3. **Read Galatians 2:20.** How do you keep from going back to your old way of life? How do you keep growing?

4. **It's not about me.** Where are you most selfish? How does an excess of 'me time' affect your relationships? What do you need to change?

5. **Situational response.** Has there ever been a time in your life where you told yourself, "If this just changes, things will be better..."? What was the outcome of those events? How do not allow your situations to dictate your response?

6. **Thy Kingdom Come.** (*Pastor Micah reminded us that the disciples had a plan for what Jesus was supposed to do that was far different from God's plan*) Are you telling God what the plan is in an area of your life? How is that situation/opportunity playing out?

7. **Feelings for truth.** What is a feeling you have accepted as truth? How does this line up with what God says is or isn't truth? What are some things/feelings that you are struggling to let go of and give to God's truth?

8. **The line.** Where is the line in your life? (*take time to talk about practical lines in relationships, isolation [which typically leads to secret sin], substance usage, etc.*)

**Closing**

Challenge your LG members to identify something they are selfishly putting below God's standard and to shift that selfish feeling/choice to a selfless action. Close in prayer for each LG member to clearly see where God desires them to grow up.