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GOSPEL**  
*Stand Firm in Your Freedom*



# The Credibility of God's Leaders

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**GALATIANS 1:11–24**



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## **WELCOME:** Fixing Our Focus

### **Suggested icebreaker:**

Ask GG members if they ever heard a preacher preaching from the pulpit, either in person or online, that made them doubt if he was truly a God-anointed messenger? What did they do with regard to the question of the preacher's credibility? Use this to segue into the lesson where Paul defended his credibility as God's messenger.

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## **WORSHIP:** Adoring Our God

### **Suggested song:**

- [I Am Not My Own](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will determine with diligence the source from which a message is preached.
2. GG members will be able to discern the authenticity of God's servants.

### INTRODUCTION

After venting his astonishment and anger at the Galatian believers' doctrinal apostasy and how the Judaizers quickly influenced them into believing in a way of salvation other than the gospel that Paul preached to them earlier, Paul defends both his gospel message and his apostleship.

#### **Paul defended the gospel message he preached (vv. 11-12)**

Paul contrasted the gospel message he preached with the gospel message being preached by the Judaizers. His message came directly from Jesus Christ, while the Judaizers preached a message received from and taught by men.

1. How did Paul describe the gospel which he preached?
2. How did Paul receive it? Who revealed it to him?
3. What is the source of the gospel's authority? (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)
4. Should we entertain a person who preaches a gospel message other than that revealed in Scripture? What awaits those who preach thus? (cf. Galatians 1:8-9)

#### **Paul defended his calling as an apostle of Christ (vv. 13-24)**

Paul shared with the Galatians his life prior to knowing Christ personally, how Jesus revealed Himself to him, and his early years of discipleship before he engaged in public ministry.

1. How did Paul describe his former life in Judaism? What were the things he did to defend it?
2. When did God set him apart for His purpose? How did God call Paul? What was God's purpose for Paul?
3. How long did it take for Paul to unlearn his theology in Judaism and learn the gospel as God revealed it?
4. Who were the apostles that Paul met in Jerusalem? What can we infer from what Paul disclosed of his interaction with them?
5. How did the believers in Judea react to Paul's conversion?

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### APPLICATION

Every Christian, not just church leaders, is called to the ministry commanded by Jesus to “make disciples of all nations” and preach to them the Gospel of Christ and the gift of salvation from God, the Father of Love. How can you take part in this ministry of making disciples and teaching them God’s Word?

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### PRAYER ITEM

Our loving Heavenly Father, we are indeed blessed knowing that You are always present with us, no matter where we are and what we do. We pray that we will always be mindful of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and not say or do things that will grieve Him. Rather, we will trust and obey You in everything so that Your name will be glorified and exalted in the way we live.

We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen. ■



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