Discussion Guide for Week 3

Read Galatians 2:1-21. Highlight the things that stand out to you in the text.

1. When were times in your life where you were tempted to think that your performance counted toward your salvation?  What led you to think this way?
2. Do you ever feel uncertain or insecure in your relationship with God?  Could there be a correlation with how you view your acceptance with Him?
3. Paul uses contentious language in Galatians.  He calls the Judaizers “false believers” (2:4) and accuses them of wanting “to make us slaves” (2:4), but “we didn’t give in for a moment” (2:5).  How do you reconcile this approach with Peter’s encouragement to “Always be prepared to give an answer…but do this with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15)?
4. Why is Paul so direct in his confrontation with Peter (2:11-14)?
5. How would you explain the difference between being moral and being a Christian to someone who thinks being good makes them acceptable to God?
6. Galatians 2:20 includes the famous line, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” What does this mean for your identity and daily life?