

**Pacific Growth Group Sermon Questions**  
**Week of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Sermon Series: Gospel = Life**  
**Sermon Title: To Call Out or Not to Call Out**  
**Primary Text(s): Galatians 2:11-16**

In the spirit of celebrating thanksgiving, discuss:

- ***Your favorite thanksgiving moment.***
- ***What are you most thankful for in this season of your life?***

**Read Galatians 2:11-16.**

- ***What verse or verses from the passage impacted you most? Why and how did this verse (or these verses) impact you?***

In Galatians 2:11-16, Paul confronted Peter for avoiding dining with Gentile believers whom he previously shared meals.

- ***Name a current issue within Christianity that is divisive.***
- ***Recall an experience in your life when someone called you out.***
- ***Recall an experience in your life when you had to call someone out.***

In Galatians 2:11-16, Paul provides us with three (3) reasons why he called out Peter to help us to learn what actions and behaviors we should call out in the lives of our fellow believers in our time.

**1. Intentional Misrepresentations of the Gospel**

- a. One of the reasons Paul called out Peter stemmed from Peter's misrepresentation of the Gospel. Peter misrepresented the Gospel by engaging in behavior that would have likely communicated to the gentile followers of Jesus who were present that they needed to take another step to be circumcised like the Jews to inherit the promises of salvation, eternal life, and adoption into God's family.
  - i. Name a few ways that Christians in our time and context may fall prey to temptation(s) to misrepresent the Gospel.***
  - ii. Let's discuss how we can hold each other accountable from misrepresenting the Gospel.***

**2. Intentional Misrepresentations of God**

- a. Peter also misrepresented the heart of God for all people when he chose to stop sharing meals with the Gentile believers in Antioch. ***List ways you believe Christians misrepresent God in our day.***

### **3. Intentional Misrepresentations of Christian Character that Leads to Deception (Others Being Deceived)**

- a. **Read Galatians 2:12-13**. When Paul uses the word hypocrisy in this context, he is referencing a term that comes from the ancient Greek theatre that was used to describe a person who “play acted” a role. The hypocrite wore a mask to project an outward appearance to an audience that disguised an inward reality.
  - i. ***It would be interesting for us to chat about some of the dangers hypocritical behavior presents to the church of Jesus around the world.***
  - ii. All of us are capable of play acting in our lives, ***how can we implement spiritual and accountability practices to help us guard against living hypocritical lives?***

By observing Paul’s call out of Peter we gain insight into how we should call out Christians in our lives:

#### **1. Directly and Precisely**

- a. ***Why do you believe it is important for us to be direct and precise when calling out a fellow follower of Jesus?***

#### **2. Privately and Publicly**

- a. ***Discuss Paul’s approach to calling out Peter. How did his method of confrontation land on you?***
- b. **Read Matthew 18:15-17**. ***Why do you think Jesus encourages His followers to first handle issues that arise between two (2) individuals privately?***

#### **3. Lovingly**

- a. Communicating the truth of the Gospel to another person who needs to hear it or be reminded of it is one of the most beautiful expressions of love that we can offer to each other. ***As a group, talk about a person in your lives who God may be asking you to communicate His Gospel message with because of His love embedded in you for them.***
  - i. ***Pray for God to communicate the truth of His love to the people who you mentioned.***