

**Faith: Trusting, Walking, Living***A Study in Ruth & Galatians***Galatians 2:1–10****Read Galatians 2:1–10.**

1. In this passage Paul describes a private meeting that most likely took place fourteen years after his conversion. Why did he go to Jerusalem? (v. 2a)
2. Paul met with “those who seemed to be leaders” (v. 2). Who were they? (v. 9)
3. What did Paul do at this special meeting? (v. 2)
4. Paul’s decision to bring the Gentile believer Titus was controversial. Why? (v. 3; Acts 10:28a; 11:1–3)
5. What untruth were the “false brothers” (v. 4) spreading? (Acts 15:1)
6. What did circumcision mean to Jews? (Gen. 17:3–14; Exod. 12:48)
7. What was at stake in the issue of whether Gentile believers should be “compelled to be circumcised” (v. 3)? Consider the verses below.  
Gal. 5:2–4

Gal. 3:10

Rom. 3:20

8. What was the outcome of the circumcision question? (v. 3; Acts 15:5–12, 22–31)
  
9. How did the leaders in Jerusalem affirm Paul and the message he preached? (vv. 6b, 9a)
  
10. The apostles Peter and Paul were partners serving the same Lord and preaching the same gospel primarily to two different groups. What division of labor did they agree to in their ministries? (v. 9b)
  
11. Though the leaders in Jerusalem “added nothing” to Paul’s message (v. 6), James did give Paul one exhortation.
  - a. What did James ask of Paul? (v. 10)
  
  - b. What was Paul’s response to James’ request? (v. 10b)
  
  - c. James’ request may seem to come out of the blue in this passage, but it in fact reflects God’s own tremendous emphasis on care for the poor. What happens when God’s people heed his call to help the needy? (2 Cor. 9:13–14)
  
12. Believers today do not even need to consider whether circumcision is required for them. But as Christians, we are very good at adding “laws” to the gospel about the way people should think, act, look, vote, worship....
  - a. Write down one of these “laws” that you tend to impose on others.
  
  - b. Why is our tendency to do that so strong?
  
  - c. How could you instead offer the freedom we have in Jesus Christ to others?