

# STUDY GUIDE



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### [start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:  
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### [set up]

What are you thankful for this week?

What are you struggling with this week?

Tell a story about a time when someone confronted you because you were not living a life that was consistent with the gospel.

### [digging deeper]

One person reads Galatians 2:11-14 out loud while everyone reads along.

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Without looking at the Bible, a third person retells Galatians 2:11-14 in his/her own words. (Others will fill in what's missing.)

Describe 2-3 far-reaching negative implications of Peter's sin.

Describe why Paul felt the need to confront Peter. What must have been hard about that? Brainstorm on a Post-it some "principles for confrontation" that we can learn from this scenario.

One person reads Galatians 2:15-21 out loud while everyone reads along.

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Read the definition of justification below (next page). What does Galatians 2:15-21 teach us about justification?

What do these passages teach us about the implications of justification?

What do these passages teach us about our obedience, about how we are to live?

### [living it out]

In light of what we now know about this passage, what is God calling you to do this week? How does God want you to obey this Scripture? (Everyone writes an "I will" statement.)

Who will you share these truths with this week? How will you live this out loud this week? Who do you know who needs to hear this?

In this upcoming week, what is going to be a challenge for you?

## **[end with prayer]**

Close in prayer by praying over everyone's "I will" statements.

Pray for opportunities to share what you learned this week. Pray for the people in your life who need to hear this.

Pray about the challenges that you and your group members are anticipating this week.

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### **On Justification...**

from the Second London Confession of Faith in Modern English

Those God effectually calls he also freely justifies.<sup>1</sup> He does this, not by infusing righteousness into them but by pardoning their sins and accounting and accepting them as righteous.<sup>2</sup> He does this for Christ's sake alone and not for anything produced in them or done by them.<sup>3</sup> He does not impute faith itself, the act of believing, or any other gospel obedience to them as their righteousness. Instead, he imputes Christ's active obedience to the whole law and passive obedience in his death as their whole and only righteousness by faith.<sup>4</sup> This faith is not self-generated; it is the gift of God.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Romans 3:24; 8:30.

<sup>2</sup>Romans 4:5-8; Ephesians 1:7.

<sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 1:30, 31; Romans 5:17-19.

<sup>4</sup>Philippians 3:8, 9; Ephesians 2:8-10.

<sup>5</sup>John 1:12; Romans 5:17.

Faith that receives and rests on Christ and his righteousness is the only instrument of justification.<sup>6</sup> Yet it does not occur by itself in the person justified, but it is always accompanied by every other saving grace. It is not a dead faith but works through love.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup>Romans 3:28.

<sup>7</sup>Galatians 5:6; James 2:17, 22, 26.

<https://founders.org/library/1689-confession/chapter-11-justification/>