

# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What does it mean to be justified? Are people justified by faith or works?
- Why is it good news that we are justified by faith rather than by works?
- If we aren't justified by works, why does God want us to obey Him?



## Paul Confronted Peter

Galatians 2:11-21

**MAIN POINT: PAUL WROTE THAT WE ARE SAVED THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS ALONE.**

To help them know what is true, Paul wrote a letter to the believers at the church of Galatia (guh LAY shuh). The Christians there were mostly Gentiles. In his letter, Paul told the believers about Peter's poor choice.

Peter was a follower of Jesus. He knew that God accepted Gentiles and Jews, and he ate meals with the Gentile believers. But when the Jewish believers were around, Peter did not eat with the Gentiles. He pretended to believe that Gentiles were supposed to follow certain Jewish rules, even though that was not true.

Paul wrote that Peter was wrong to do that. Paul wrote that we are saved through faith in Jesus alone.

Paul met with Peter and said in front of everyone there that God does not accept people because they follow His law or obey certain rules. God accepts both Jews and Gentiles who have faith in Jesus.

The law showed Paul that he needed Jesus to save him from sin. Because of Jesus, Paul and Peter and every other believer can choose to live for God.

"If we could be saved by obeying the law," said Paul, "Jesus did not need to die."

*Christ Connection: Peter was wrong to separate himself from the Gentiles. The gospel is for everyone, and we should show love to everyone. Paul reminded Peter that only Jesus can save people from sin. God accepts people who have faith in Jesus, not people who try to earn salvation on their own.*