

1. The importance of unity

- a) 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, Paul’s appeal for unity
- b) Galatians 2:1–2, how does Paul’s trip to Jerusalem demonstrate his desire for unity?
- c) What are some issues that threaten the unity of the church today?
- d) How is it possible to maintain unity in the midst of diversity?

2. Contention over circumcision

- a) Genesis 17:9–11
- b) Acts 15:1
- c) Galatians 2:3–5
- d) What is the real issue here for Paul? Circumcision or something else?
- e) What issues of contention do we struggle with today in our churches? Is there something that people want to make a salvation issue, like circumcision, requiring everyone to comply with a certain behavior?

3. Freedom in Christ

- a) Galatians 2:1–10
- b) What is our freedom in Christ? Galatians 2:4
 - i) John 8:32–36
 - ii) Romans 6:6–7
 - iii) Romans 8:1–3

- c) Paul speaks of the Gospel to the uncircumcised and the Gospel to the circumcised. Were they different Gospels? Galatians 2:7
- d) How willing are you to accept someone who is sharing the Gospel in different ways to different types of people?

4. Confrontation in Antioch

- a) Galatians 2:11–13
- b) Acts 10:24–48
- c) What can we learn from Peter’s behavior recorded in Galatians 2?
- d) Barnabas was a great Christian leader. Why didn’t he speak up?
- e) What can we learn from Paul’s response?
- f) How do you know when it is time to be silent and when it is time to speak?
- g) How can we resist negative peer pressure that might lead us to speak or act unwisely?

