



## **“Collision”**

### **Galatians 2**

#### **— Small Group Plan —**

#### **OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...**

- What is your favorite place on earth?
- Is there a place where you would like to visit?
- If you could work in a new location among a particular group of people, where and whom would you select?

#### **LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...**

#### **— INVITATION TO JOIN THE JOURNEY ACCEPTED —**

##### **Galatians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. <sup>2</sup> I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. <sup>3</sup> Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. <sup>4</sup> This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. <sup>5</sup> We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. <sup>6</sup> As for those who were held in high esteem — whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism — they added nothing to my message. <sup>7</sup> On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. <sup>8</sup> For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. <sup>9</sup> James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. <sup>10</sup> All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

- How would you have felt about Paul joining your group, knowing his history of persecuting the church?
- Even though Paul asserted his independence from the “*esteemed leaders*” (v. 9), how did he also show his solidarity with them?
- Why was it important for Paul to stand up for freedom from the Law?
- In what ways do some Christians try to impose rules on others?
- What does caring for the poor have to do with telling others about Christ?

**USE IT / APPLY IT ...**

- Do you feel you are enjoying the “*freedom that we have in Christ Jesus*” (v. 4) or is there something in your life right now that is enslaving you?
- How can you express today your appreciation and respect for older Christians who have helped you in your spiritual walk?
- What can you do to help a poor person or family this week?
- Close in prayer asking God for a clear picture of what it means to follow Jesus.