

# WRITE IT DOWN!

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*Galatians 2:11-16*

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# LISTEN UP!

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### **I. Peter's Separation**

1. Peter WELCOMES Gentile table fellowship.
2. Peter WITHDRAWS from Gentile table fellowship.

### **II. Paul's Confrontation**

1. Peter was acting out of fear of men.
2. Peter was acting hypocritically.
3. Peter was leading others into hypocrisy.
4. Peter was dividing the church.
5. Peter was not acting "in line" with the Gospel.

### **III. Gospel Implications**

1. The Gospel creates an entirely new kind of community.
2. A failure to believe or apply the Gospel is at the root of all our sin.
3. The Gospel is the way we confront and overcome our sin.

# THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Galatians 2:11-16 again. Recap, in your own words what is going on this chapter of Paul's story? Why does Paul include this chapter of his Gospel story as he writes to the Galatians?
2. There are at least 6 parties or individuals mentioned in these few verses. Identify each of them and the role they play in this incident.
3. Go back and read Acts 10. Why is this text and Acts 10:15 relevant to this incident? Why might we describe Peter as one caught between two worlds?
4. What is the foundational reason that Paul confronts Peter? How does he do it? Does he show him the rule book or does he take another approach?
5. How was Peter not working out the implications of the Gospel? What are the particular implications in this case?

# WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging in the text/message this week and why?
2. Explain the statement: "All our sin results from a failure to believe or apply the Gospel." Do you agree with this statement? Was Peter failing to believe or apply the Gospel?
3. This text makes it clear that the Gospel creates a whole new community. Describe what that community looked like in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century. What should it look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? What does it mean if the Gospel is not creating this kind of community?
4. In what ways do we fail to apply the social implications of the Gospel? In other words, how do we separate ourselves from other believers in the church? How should the Gospel impact our relationships with non-believers?
5. How do you confront and deal with sin in your own life? How does this passage suggest a model for how to do that? What might that look like in real life with the following sins?
  - a failure to selflessly serve your spouse
  - a disdain for and hatred toward homosexuals
  - a tendency to lie in order to win others approval
  - a critical spirit toward someone else in the church