

# Bible References

## **Galatians 1:10 (NLT)**

Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

## **Psalm 13 (NIV)**

[For the director of music. A psalm of David.] How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death; my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me.

## **John 4:15-18 (ESV)**

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

## **1 John 1:7-9 (CEV)**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



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## Discussion Guide

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The Point: Remain Real. Even if it makes you vulnerable.....

Galatians 1:10

MC3 Core Value: Authenticity

## Discussion Generators

- What are two things that stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be silly, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- According to what Paul says in Galatians 1:10, a person that follows Christ should be focused on winning God's approval and not people's approval otherwise he would have been faking it and going through the motions. What are your first thoughts and feelings about how a person reacts when they think about winning God's approval over people's?
- Have you ever heard the saying, "Perception is Reality." Do you think most people are perceived accurate to who they really are or do you think that a lot of people go through life wearing masks? Please explain. Vulnerable is one word to describe how a lot of people would feel about letting others see the real them. How else would you describe it?
- How would you describe a person that would be considered authentic? Why would it be important for someone confessing to be a Christ follower to be authentic?
- Read Psalms 13 after describing King David the author. King David was considered a man after God's own heart and chosen by God to be the king of Israel. (Leaders, please add your own flare for describing David as well.) After reading this song written by King David, do you think that King David had doubt in the midst of his belief? Do you believe people often feel that same way? Why? What does Psalm 13 tell you about having doubt and belief at the same time?

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- John 4:5-26 tells us of Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well. Now this is significant because of how the Jews and Samaritans felt about one another.....(Leaders elaborate on the relationship between the Jews and Samaritans) Now once you understand the mix of how unlikely it was for Jesus as a Jew to be talking to any Samaritan woman, look at verses 15-18 to gain some more insight into this woman's life. What is your first reaction when you find out this info about her? What are your thoughts about Jesus offering eternal life to someone that would have been considered bottom of the barrel in those day especially to a Jew? What does this tell you about who Jesus is interested in sharing His message with? How does that apply to people today and to us?
- How do you feel about going to the doctor? Have you ever known anyone to go to a doctor and not tell them what all is going on because they really didn't want the diagnosis or the potential follow up they might have to have? With that in mind, how do you think a believer in Christ would apply I John 1:7-9?
- As we continue discussing together about putting action to faith, again the GO series, how does talking about changing the way we approach "doing church" apply to the other five specific topics? Just as a reminder, the 1st week he talked about Grace (caring for others), the 2nd week he talked about Follow (as a disciple of Christ), the 3rd week he talked about Share (our faith and beliefs), the 4th week we talked about Give (Outrageous generosity), and the 5th week we talked about Change (Change consistently). How does talking about keeping it real and authentic apply to the previous five weeks?

## Thinking Outside the Box

**Thinking inside of what you know to step outside to the realm of possibilities:**  
Read the brief article excerpt from "Being Honest With God About My Feelings" and then ask the question: What do you want to say to the God who accepts you completely, along with all your doubts and confusion? (Ask participants to write this down for themselves and only to share with the group if they feel comfortable)