Review:

Lesson 1: Diverging Gospels Lesson 2: Deconstruction Lesson 3: Christian Cooperation

Treating Hypocrisy Galatians 2:11-21

Christians have not lost credibility because of what we believe; we've lost credibility because our lives are not with what we say we believe.
Discussion 1. How important do you think it is that the church have "credibility" in the world? What kinds of spiritual disciplines help you live more consistently with what you say you believe about Jesus and the gospel?
If I find myself from years of trying to be a good church member or a good Christian and feeling like I am continually failing, then I'm doing Christianity wrongly. Jesus sets us free.
Discussion 2. Is it possible to have your heart in the right place but still be in violation of a rule? Is it possible to have you heart in a bad place but still follow a rule? To you, what is the danger of relegating Christianity to a set of rules to be followed?
It is the height of our as Christ followers when we preach a gospel of being set free in Christ but then live our lives in bondage to the Old Testament law.
Discussion 3. To you, what's the difference between choosing to follow God's directions in the law and living our lives in bondage to the law? How might you know if you are living in bondage to the law?
For the Christ follower, living by grace or living by the law are mutually exclusive of each other. I can either live by grace (and be free from the condemnation of the law) or I can live by the law and thereby render Jesus' death
Discussion 4. Do you think "living by the law" means following God's law is somehow wrong? If not, then WHY we follow the law becomes important. What are some good reasons to follow God's laws? What are some wrong reasons to follow God's laws?