

## The Insider – Chapters 7 and 8

1. Share 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 with the guy seated next to you.
2. Did you take advantage of your “insider” status at any time this week? How?
3. What is God trying to do with us in the world? (Remember Abraham and Ephesians 1:3-10?)
4. In what ways are you fearful when it comes to speaking with others about your faith? Why is fear unhealthy? Why might it be healthy to have fear? (Look at Ephesians 3:20; Isaiah 41:10; 1 John 4:18; Phil. 4:6-7)
5. How do the authors help us manage our fear? (Beginning on Page 97) What scriptures do they use to support their strategies? How?
6. Read Matthew 23:13-14 and Galatians 3:3. What is legalism and what effects does it have on the Gospel of Jesus Christ? How might 1 Corinthians 6:12 help? How has the church confused the Gospel with personal preferences or non-essential issues?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-27. Is Paul compromising his morality? How do Paul’s words relate to the authors’ words, “there are behaviors that are always right. There are some that are always wrong, and there are ‘disputable matters’ – matters that are right or wrong depending on the context.” (Page 108)
8. How is the question of “disputable matters” relevant to being an “insider?” (Helpful verses: Galatians 5:19-23 and Romans 14:1-5) How might we mind our “disputable matters” for the sake of the Gospel?
9. What things do you have in common with other Christians? What things do you have in common with non-Christians? How will you use your “insider” status this week to further build relationships with non-Christians?

Memory Verses to know for next week: 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, and Romans 12:1.