



Two Gospels:

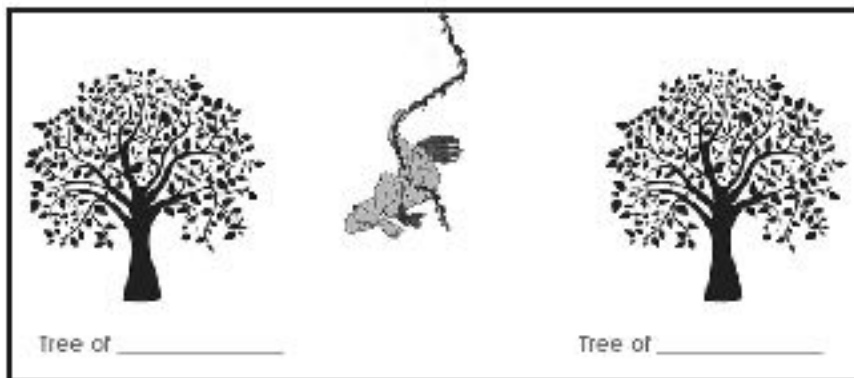
- One is about love, and leads us to life.
- One is about rules, and leads us to religion.

11 Later, when Peter came to Antioch, I had a face-to-face confrontation with him because he was clearly out of line.

12 Here's the situation. Earlier, before certain persons had come from James, Peter regularly ate with the non-Jews. But when that conservative group came from Jerusalem, he cautiously pulled back and put as much distance as he could manage between himself and his non-Jewish friends. That's how fearful he was of the conservative Jewish clique that's been pushing the old system of circumcision.

13 Unfortunately, the rest of the Jews in the Antioch church joined in that hypocrisy so that even Barnabas was swept along in the charade. Galatians 2:11-13 (MSG)

Tarzan Syndrome:



Spotting religion:

- Religion causes us to see ourselves, and others, through the lens on judgment.
- Grace causes us to see ourselves, and others, through the lens of love.

16 We know very well that we are not set right with God by rule-keeping but only through personal faith in Jesus Christ. How do we know? We tried it—and we had the best system of rules the world has ever seen! Convinced that no human being can please God by self-improvement, we believed in Jesus as the Messiah so that we might be set right before God by trusting in the Messiah, not by trying to be good. Galatians 2:16 (MSG)

19 What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a "law man" so that I could be God's man. Galatians 2:19 (MSG)

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

Matthew 16:21-25 (NIV)

Romans 6:6-7 (NIV)

The Art of dying well:

- Crucify self.

31 ...I die every day! 1 Corinthians 15:31 (ESV)

30 He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less. John 3:30 (NLT)

- Action Step = Humility.

- Crucify my flesh.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Galatians 5:24 (NLT)

15 ... choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

- Action step = Make good choices.

- Crucify the world.

14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14 (NIV)

- Action step: separation.

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Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from Sundays Talk? Explain.
- Do you experience the tension between living in love and some days swing to being religious? Explain how that looks in your life.
- Talk about the three points and the action steps under "The Art of Dying well".
- How do we die to ourselves? what does that mean?
- Which of these is most difficult for you? why?
- How does dying to ourselves allow us to live in love?

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