

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LOOK

We have a choice to attend St. Timothy's or not and to attend covenant group or not. Something brought us to this point and it's a big part of our faith story.

1. Tell about a key experience in your faith journey that led you to either St. Tim's or to your covenant group.
2. What special talents/experiences/gifts/characteristics give you something unique to add to the church or your covenant group?

BOOK *Galatians 1:11-24*

The Book of Galatians is sometimes called the Magna Carta of Christian freedom.

1. Why does Paul bother to lay out his credentials in this introduction of his letter to the church in Galatia?
2. What does it mean to be "called through grace" (v. 15)?
3. Who was Paul called to serve? Who are you called to serve?

TOOK

It is human nature for us to create religious "to do" lists. But Jesus has already *done* it. Galatians 5:6 says, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision or uncircumcision counts for anything: the only thing that counts is faith working through love."

1. When are you tempted to measure your worth by your list of accomplishments?
2. Do you have a checklist that must be finished before you call yourself a good Christian? How might this be counterproductive?

You may want to conclude with this blessing by William Sloane Coffin:

May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short!

Grace to risk something big for something good!

Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love!

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and remain with us this day and always. *Amen.*