

MIND THE GAP



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
September 14, 2025

FOR CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US

Pastor Brian Benton | Turlock
Pastor Tito Valdespino | Patterson

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Pastor David Larson | Turlock
Pastor Jeremy Moore | Patterson

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
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Connect:

When you think about “minding the gap” between what you believe and how you live, where do you most often notice that gap in your own life?

Engage:

What part of this weekend’s message challenged you the most? What part encouraged you the most?

Grow:

Read Galatians 2:16 and Galatians 5:6.

- Why do you think it’s so tempting for us to rely on works or performance instead of simply trusting in God’s grace?
- Paul says, “The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” How do you see that truth playing out in your life right now?
- In John 15:5, Jesus says we can’t bear fruit apart from Him. What does it practically look like for you to “remain” in Him this week, month or year?

Lead (Yourself)

Each morning this week, how can you remind yourself that it’s not about what you can do, but about what Jesus has already done?