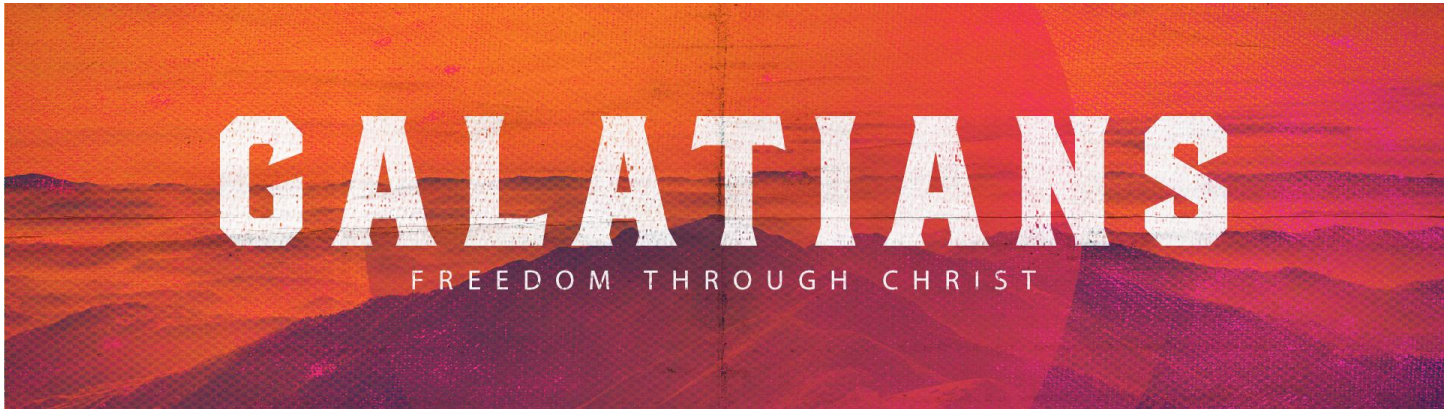


Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES -

Galatians 3:1-12: **1** Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. **2** Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. **3** How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? **4** Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it? **5** I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

6 In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." **7** The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. **8** What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." **9** So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith. **10** But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law. **11** So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." **12** This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."

Others: Galatians 3, Luke 2:49, Matt. 5:9, 16, 44-45, 48, Jn. 12:49-50,

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. In Galatians 3, Paul strongly argues that we are saved by faith, not by obeying the law. Why do you think people still tend to try to "earn" God's approval through performance or good behavior? What does it practically look like to live by faith instead?
2. The sermon's big idea says, "The goal of the gospel isn't just to save you from sin—it's to bring you home to a Father who loves you." How does viewing God as a loving Father change the way you think about obedience, prayer, or your relationship with Him?
3. The law exposes our sin and our need for a Savior. Can you think of a time when God used conviction, failure, or weakness to draw you closer to Jesus rather than farther away from Him?
4. Galatians 3:28 emphasizes that all believers are one in Christ. What are some barriers or divisions that still exist among Christians today? How can our group better reflect the unity and belonging found in God's family?
5. The sermon ended with the question, "Do we want the discomfort of obedience?" What is one area where following Jesus may currently require discomfort, sacrifice, trust, or courage in your life? How can the group encourage and pray for one another in those areas?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS