

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Only One Gospel

Continuing in the Gospel: Gal. 3:1-9

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. From the first verse in Galatians 3 we see that Paul hits the Galatians very hard by saying “You foolish Galatians”! Why is it that Paul doesn’t hold anything back against this church?
2. Read Galatians 3:3 where Paul again takes strong aim at the Galatian church; why, do you think, the Galatians to succumb to the teachings of the Judaizers?
3. These verses are arguments in proof of 2:16. Unravel the arguments used by Paul in these verses to demonstrate that justification and enjoyment of the gift of the Spirit are by faith in Christ and not by ‘works of the Law’:
 - a) Verses 1-5 - an argument from experience
 - b) Verses 6-9 – an argument from Scriptures’ teaching about Abraham
4. Paul talked about Abraham’s faith and how his belief in the promise of God was credited to him as righteousness. God made his promise to Abraham without Abraham having done anything to deserve it. Read Genesis 15:1-7 and discuss the following:
 - a.) In this passage, God makes an “I am” statement to Abraham. What 2 things does God claim to be in statement and what do you think it meant to Abraham to receive that promise from God?
 - b.) Since we are joint heirs with Abraham through Christ’s death, we are also heirs to these promises. What does this mean for us and how should we (as believers in God’s promises) respond to these statements about who God is for us?
 - c.) How are we like Abraham in relation to when and how God draws us to himself?
5. Abraham was accepted as righteous because he believed what he heard from God. Where does your righteousness come from?

6. In what ways might you personally be trying to please God by inadvertently 'living under the Law'?

7. Remind each other - what is the one Gospel message?

Prayer Items:

- Please continue in prayer for Pastor Jakob Koch as he faces a long recovery from major surgery last week. Pray, also for others in the congregation who have ongoing physical challenges.
- As we anticipate the Christmas season, pray for those who face loneliness and will be grieving their loved ones. Be sure to reach out to them to fill some of the gaps in their day-to-day lives.
- Pray that many will come to West Highland over the Christmas season and hear from God, about the wonderful gift of salvation through Christ.