



CROSSWINDS LIFE NIGHT
LIFE  GROUP

THE BOOK OF
GALATIANS
FREEDOM THROUGH CHRIST

Introduction

The book of Galatians is a letter written by the apostle Paul to the churches in Galatia, a region in central Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Paul wrote this letter in response to the churches' defection from the gospel of grace to a gospel of works. The false teachers who had infiltrated the Galatian churches were teaching that salvation could be obtained by following the Jewish law, including circumcision. Paul vehemently opposed this teaching, arguing that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, apart from any works of the law.

The book of Galatians is a powerful and passionate defense of the gospel of grace. Paul writes with urgency and conviction, reminding the Galatians of the truth they had once embraced. He argues that the law cannot save us, and that trying to earn our salvation through our own efforts is futile. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ can we be justified and made right with God.

The book of Galatians is a foundational text for the Christian faith. It teaches us the essential truth that salvation is by grace through faith, and not by works of the law. This truth is essential for our understanding of the gospel, and it is essential for our Christian walk.

Here is a brief outline of the book of Galatians:

Chapter 1: Paul's introduction and defense of his apostleship

Chapter 2: Paul's confrontation with the false teachers in Galatia

Chapter 3: Paul's argument that salvation is by grace through faith, not by works of the law

Chapter 4: Paul's analogy of Abraham and his two sons, Isaac and Ishmael

Chapter 5: Paul's exhortation to the Galatians to live by the Spirit

Chapter 6: Paul's conclusion and final exhortations

We will do a half chapter per week, please read the text before coming to class for maximum benefit.

For additional study, read this online commentary for the book of Galatians.

<https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/galatians-1/>

This commentary on Galatians by the reformer Martin Luther is a classic and free on Kindle.

<https://www.amazon.com/Commentary-Galatians-Martin-Luther/dp/1475034571>

Lesson 1

Galatians 1:1-10

Leader Note: Go around the room and ask these loving accountability questions with each person and give opportunity for them each to share.

- How was following Jesus this week?
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- How is your life going?

Galatians 1:1-10

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Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— 2 and all the brothers[a] who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

No Other Gospel

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. 10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant[b] of Christ.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Leader shares 3 Circles to clarify the true gospel:

Then, have each class member do at least one gospel rep with a partner. Challenge them to do a gospel rep this week with either a believer or unbeliever.

SWORD BIBLE STUDY METHOD

Explanation:

Scripture teaches the bible is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.

The Sword Bible Study Method uses this imagery as a memory device for three powerful discovery questions to examine after reading a passage of Scripture.

- 1** The top of the blade points to God with the question prompt: **What do we learn from the passage about GOD?**
- 2** We hold the handle which represents humanity and the question: **What do we learn from the passage about PEOPLE?**
- 3** The blade represents what we do with Scripture with the question prompt: **Is there anything from the passage God wants us to OBEY?**

You can expand **obey** into 4 sub-questions using the acronym **SPEC**. In the passage are there any...

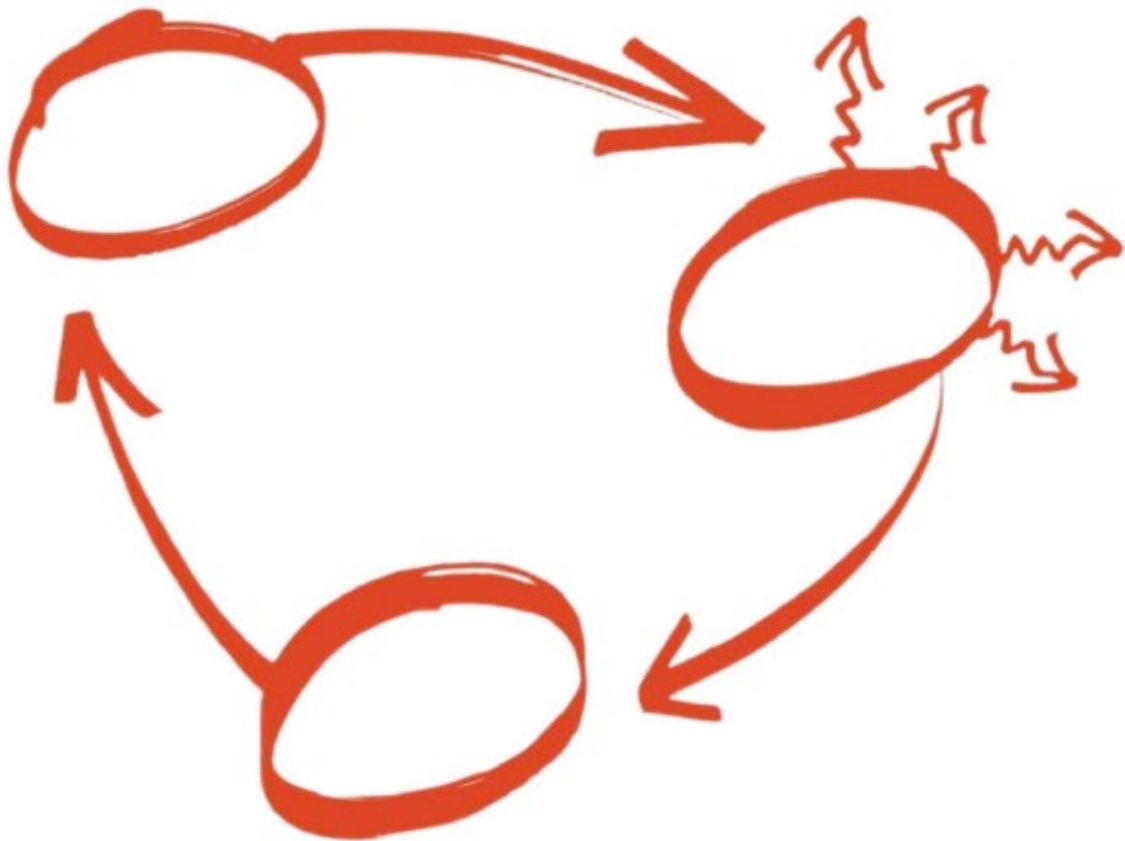
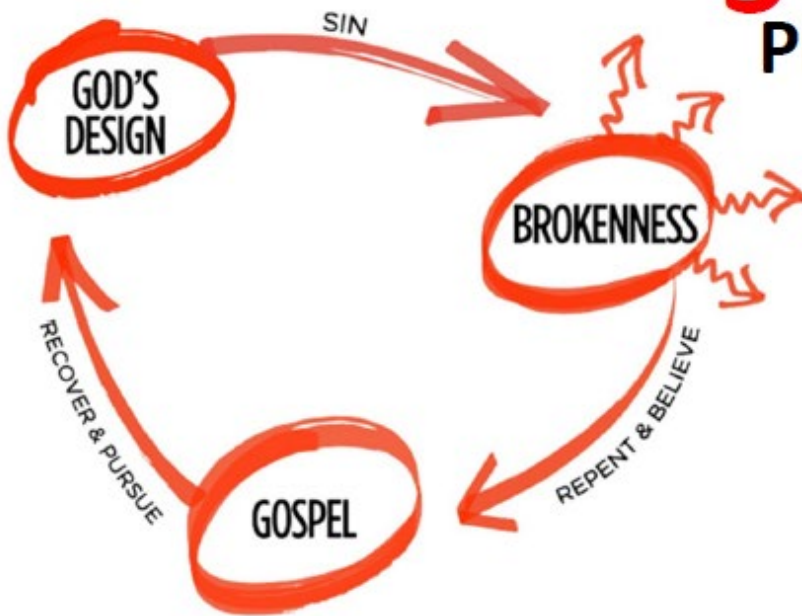
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Promises to claim?
Examples to follow?
Commands to obey?



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3 CIRCLES

Practice Sheet



Lesson 2

Galatians 1:11-24

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Galatians 1:11-24

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Paul Called by God

11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.[c] 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born,[d] and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to[e] me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;[f] 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. 20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) 21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. 23 They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God because of me.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Supplemental questions:

- Where did Paul receive his gospel?
- How did you receive the gospel?
- Who was Paul called to preach to?
- Why is he a strange choice for that task?
- Why is he a good choice?

Have the class simulate transitioning to a gospel conversation from a complaint or shared problem.

Example: I have not had the same problem but have had similar problems. Can I show you something that has helped me?

Lesson 3

Galatians 2:1-10

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Galatians 2:1-10

The leader or assigned person should share the scripture from memory with the group. Then, read the scripture together, assigning class members a section of the scriptures to read.

1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. 3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. 4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— 5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. 6 And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. 7 On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised 8 (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), 9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Supplemental Questions

- Why did Paul go to Jerusalem?
- Who caused trouble for Paul?
- What is a false brother?
- Was Paul concerned about influential people? Is God?
- What was primary to both Paul and the Apostles in Jerusalem?

Leader: Teach the group how to give a 15-second testimony and practice it in your group. Maybe record each person doing it on your cell phone and share it with the church office. Challenge everyone to share it with someone during the upcoming week, whether church or unchurched.

Lesson 4

Galatians 2:11-21

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Galatians 2:11-21

The leader or assigned person should share the scripture from memory with the group. Then, read the scripture together, assigning class members a section of the scriptures to read.

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.[a] 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Justified by Faith

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified[b] by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness[c] were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Supplemental Questions

- Have you ever had to oppose someone with a false gospel or being hypocritical?
- Why is it important sometimes to do that?
- What does it mean to be justified? How are we justified?
- Can we use our justification as an excuse to keep on sinning?

Practice how to lead someone to Christ via a sample sinner prayer.

“God, I know I’m a sinner. Please forgive me and make me clean on the inside. I need You to heal the broken places in my life. I believe Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. I’m repenting of my sins and believing in Jesus. Help me recover and pursue Your design for my life.”

Then, have group members write out their own sinners’ prayer to lead someone to Christ.

Lesson 5

Galatians 3:1-13

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Galatians 3:1-13

The leader or assigned person should share the scripture from memory with the group. Then, read the scripture together, assigning class members a section of the scriptures to read.

By Faith, or by Works of the Law?

1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by[a] the flesh? 4 Did you suffer[b] so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? 7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify[c] the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”[d] 12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit[e] through faith.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

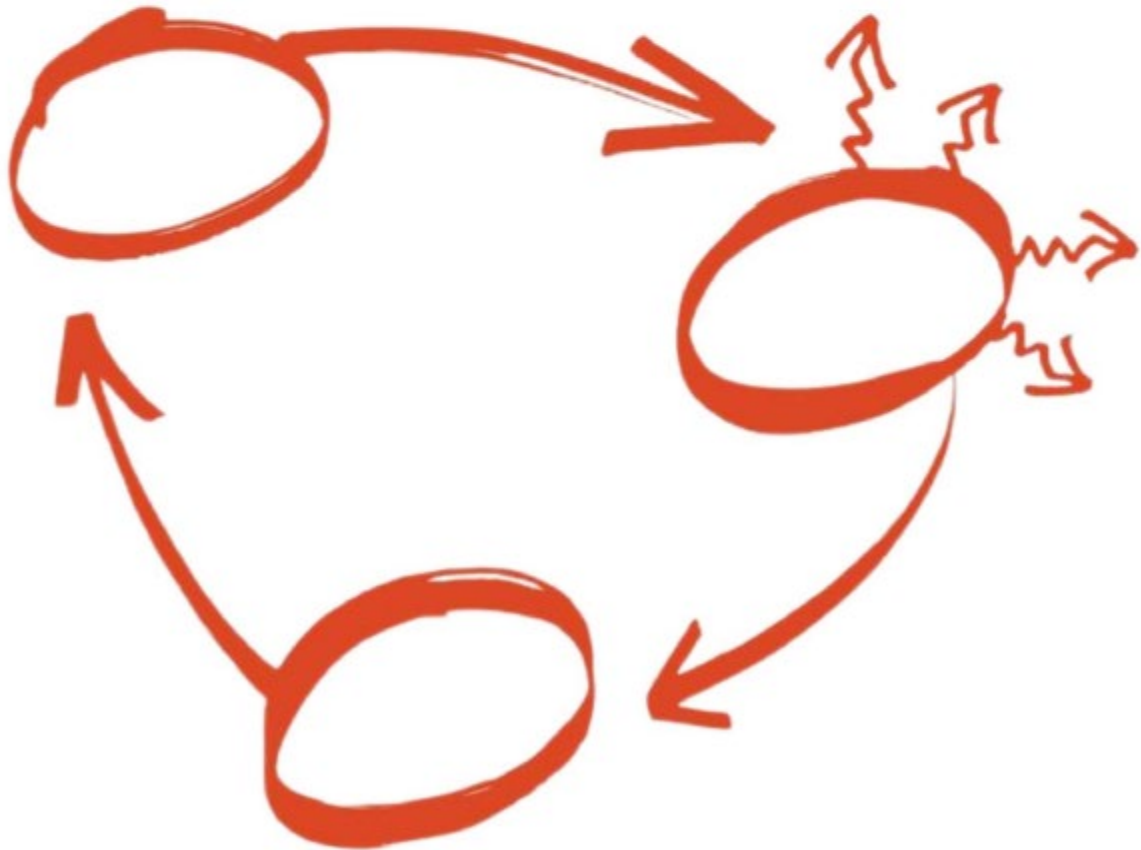
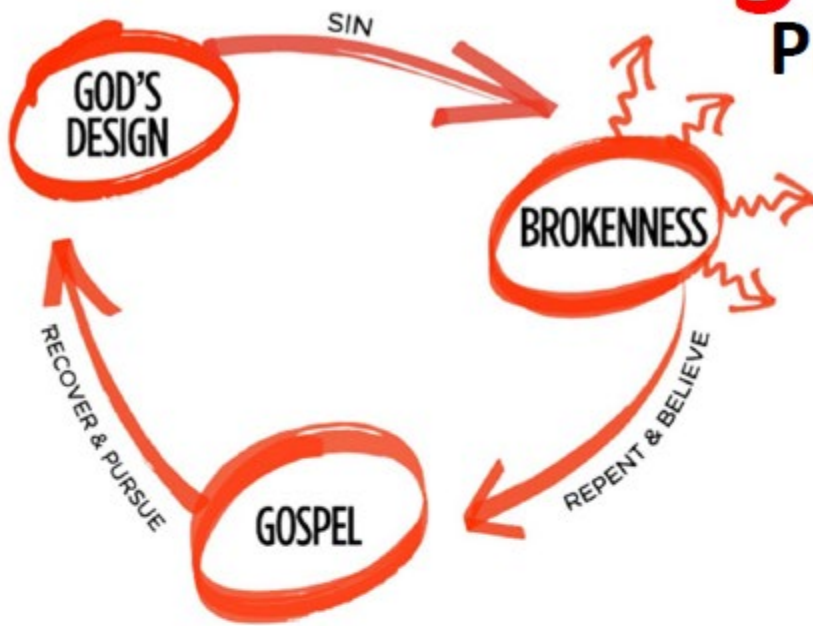
Supplemental Questions

- How can our own obedience to the law have a bewitching effect on us?
- How does faith happen, according to this text?
- What does it mean to be a son or daughter of Abraham?
- If you rely on the works of the law, how does that put you under a curse?

Have group members practice a gospel rep on each other with the 3 circles.

3 CIRCLES

Practice Sheet



Lesson 6

Galatians 3:15-29

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Galatians 3:15-29

The leader or assigned person should share the scripture from memory with the group. Then, read the scripture together, assigning class members a section of the scriptures to read.

15 To give a human example, brothers:[f] even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. 19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. 21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave[g] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Supplemental Questions

- What is the human example Paul gives?
- In what did Abraham believe?
- Can we achieve righteousness through the law?
- How is the law like a guardian?
- Is there any hierarchy between believers?

Help the group draw out an Oikos map. Then, challenge them to make a relational contact with someone on the map in the coming week.

Lesson 7

Galatians 4:1-20

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Galatians 4:1-20

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave,[a] though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles[b] of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Paul's Concern for the Galatians

8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years! 11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain. 12 Brothers,[c] I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. 16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?[d] 17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. 18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, 19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Supplemental Questions

- What is the difference between a child and a slave?
- What is the role of a guardian to a son or daughter?
- What are the elementary principles of the world?
- How is an adopted child more loved than a natural child?
- Does Paul love the people he is challenging?

Have group members practice a gospel rep on each other. This time, have them respond in red, yellow, or green. Then, have the one present apply the appropriate step.

Green Light Response

Sample Prayer:

“God, I know I’m a sinner. Please forgive me and make me clean on the inside. I need You to heal the broken places in my life. I believe Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. I’m repenting of my sins and believing in Jesus. Help me recover and pursue Your design for my life.”

Book a time of discipleship with 7 Commands or the next step.

Yellow Light Response

“You mentioned you need to think about this some more and I think that’s a great idea. When can we get together to talk some more?”

Book a time of discipleship to share the 1st story in 7 Commands.

Or

“I get together with some friends regularly to talk about life and God. We would love to have you join us.” Would you be able to join us?

Invite them to your life group. Offer to go together if possible.

Red Light Response

“Thank you for listening to me. If you ever find yourself in a place of brokenness, please remember our conversation and that God has made a provision for you through His Son, Jesus.”

Extra Activity

Green Light: Write your own theologically accurate prayer. Consider “A.B.C.”

Yellow Light: Write your response. Make sure to book the next step.

Red Light: Write your response. Continue to connect and pray for that person



Lesson 8

Galatians 4:21-28

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Galatians 4:21-28

21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia;[e] she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written,

*“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”*

28 Now you,[f] brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” 31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Supplemental Questions

- What is the difference between the two covenants Paul is talking about?
- How does the law enslave us?
- How does the gospel free us from the law?
- Which children does Paul say we are in Christ?

Have the group set some bible reading goals for the next week. Have the group set a goal to meet new people. Maybe plan a fellowship somewhere you can meet non-Christians.

Lesson 9

Galatians 5: 1-15

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Galatians 5: 1-15

1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified[a] by the law; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. 7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brothers,[b] still preach[c] circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

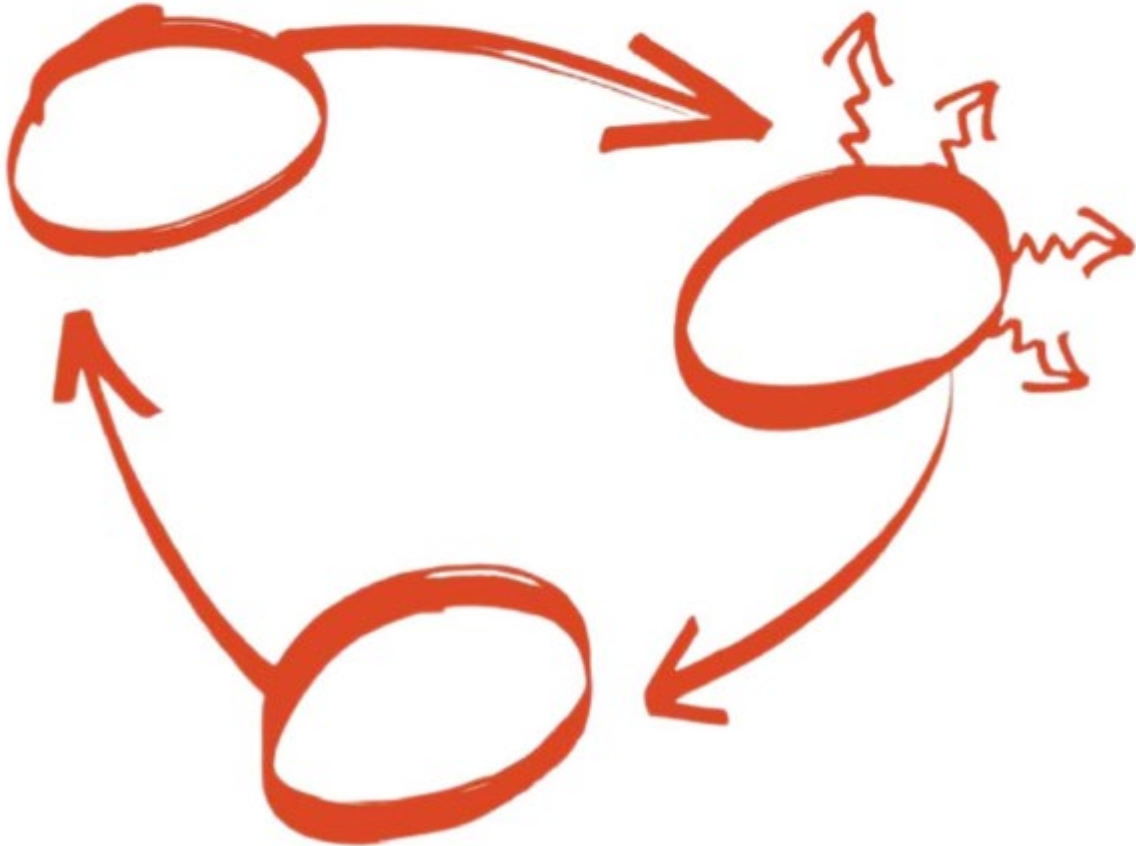
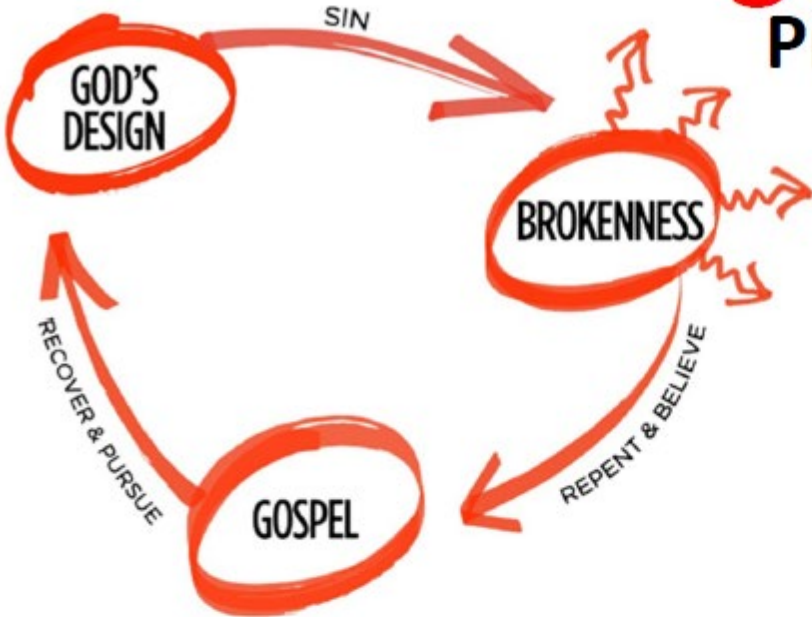
Supplemental Questions

- What has Christ set us free for? What must we do to maintain our freedom?
- How can Christ be of no advantage to you?
- Do rituals aid in your salvation?
- Who hindered the Galatians Christians from obeying the truth of the gospel?

Have everyone practice a gospel conversation and help them emphasize grace through faith.

3 CIRCLES

Practice Sheet



Lesson 10

Galatians 5:16-25

Leader Note: Go around the room and ask these loving accountability questions with each person and give opportunity for them each to share.

- How was following Jesus this week?
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Galatians 5:16-25

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, [d] drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do [e] such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Supplemental Questions

- How do you keep from gratifying the desires of the flesh? What does it look like to walk by the spirit?
- Describe the characteristics of the flesh?
- Describe the fruit of the Spirit “Love” Characteristics
- How do you practically crucify the flesh?
- What does it mean to keep in step with the spirit?

Plan an outing as a group to do some random acts of kindness or serve with love a member of the congregation or friend of the group that needs some help. Ideas: delivering groceries, raking leaves, doing yard work, babysitting kids, repairing a car, paying for laundry at a laundry mat, passing out water at a sports event, etc.

Lesson 11

Galatians 6:1-10

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Galatians 6:1-10

Bear One Another's Burdens

6 Brothers,[a] if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.

6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Supplemental Questions

- How do we restore someone who is in sin?
- In doing so, what do we need to be careful of?
- If you have been taught as a disciple, what is your obligation to others?
- Who are you currently discipling?
- If not, what are you sowing to instead of sowing for God?
- What are we to remember so we don't become discouraged?

Practice a gospel rep and set a time to spend some time having meal with some one who is far from God. Examples: a coworker, friend, child, brother, neighbor, some sporting activity with your child, or someone from a hobby.

Lesson 12

Galatians 6:11-18

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Galatians 6:11-18

Final Warning and Benediction

11 See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which[b] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

.Discuss the Text Using the Sword questions.

Supplemental Questions

- What is the reason Paul gives that people focus on legal requirements instead of having gospel conversations?
- Do legalists keep their own requirements? If not, why do they impose them on you?
- What is the only thing Paul will boast in?
- What does not count and what does count according to Paul?
- What are the marks of Jesus Paul shares in?

Calendar a group fellowship and decide when you will start your next study and what you will study.