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A STUDY IN GALATIANS

Small Group Study Guide

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The Law-Galatians 3:1-14

OVERVIEW

Old Testament law can be broken into 3 categories: civil, ceremonial, and moral. The civil and ceremonial laws were fulfilled in Christ. But what do we do with the moral law? We keep the law; but keep the law in its place. The law cannot save us, it cannot make us better or earn us points with God. But, it acts as:

1. A guardrail in our lives
2. As a compass to point us in the right direction
3. A mirror to see ourselves and our shortcomings more clearly.

Read: Galatians 3:1-14

Discuss:

1. What immediately comes to mind when you hear “The Law” in regard to Christianity?
2. Have you ever thought of the Bible as a book of ethical guidelines?
3. The law acts as a set of guard rails. Can you think of a time in your life when the commands of Scripture provided boundaries that you wouldn't otherwise have kept?
4. What are some examples of things you feel we need to do to be saved?
5. Are you proud of your efforts to be good?
6. Read Gal. 3:13. “Curse” in the biblical sense means the negative judgment of God or the opposite of a blessing. What does it mean that Christ became a curse for us?
4. Read Gal. 3:6. Abraham got “righteousness credit” for his belief. How are we blessed by that?
5. Mike shared that the law tells us the way life is going to work the best. How much would you pay for the Law if it wasn't available?
6. What do we do when life seems to be going poorly even though we're following God's law?
7. If there was a spectrum with legalism (like the Galatians) on one side and lawlessness (purposefully sinning because you know God will forgive you) on the other, where would you fall? Do you lean more towards following rules and regulations or more towards doing what feels good because God will forgive you?

Digging Deeper:

1. Watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BGO9Mmd_cU and discuss. If you are printing these materials, go to youtube and search “Bible Project The Law.”
2. Read Romans 6:1-3. Discuss how the Romans were living at the other end of the “spectrum” of legalism.