

Dig Deeper @Home – “Gather. Nurture. Make Disciples.”
Complement to sermon on October 22, 2017 – “Point to Christ”

MEMORIZE – Galatians 5: 5-6

For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

READ Galatians 3: 15-29

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. What is the point Paul wants to make about covenants (promises) that people make between themselves (i.e. legal documents like wills) and the covenant God made with Abraham? (3:15, also 3:8)
4. In Verse 17, Paul says the law does not do away with the promise; so what is the purpose of the law? (see vv. 19 and 23) Can you identify both a negative and positive purpose? Read Romans 3:19-20
5. How does the law help us see our sin? How does the law prepare us for grace?
6. How is relating to God through keeping the law like being kept in prison (v. 23) or like being supervised by a guardian? (vs. 25)
6. What is the relationship between faith and obedience? Read James 2:14-26. How do you reconcile Paul’s words about justification by faith with James’ words about faith and works?

Bottom Line – Summarize Galatians 3: 15-29 in your own words

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Galatians 3: 15-29

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

His Mercy is More - Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijsjA5Yf8XA> This song reminds of how far we fall short of the glory of God because of our sin, but God is rich in mercy and His mercy is more than our sins.

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name – Mennonite Hymnal #95

As you sing this song, let your praises rise up to Jesus who ransoms us and saves us by his grace. Crown him Lord of all.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is a time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Heavenly Father, with whatever this week brings, we ask that You would strengthen and build our faith. Bring to mind your acts of faithfulness in our lives and the lives of others. Give us courage to share these with others to strengthen and build their faith as well. For your glory, In Jesus name. Amen.