

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GALATIANS

Part 6: Promise Before Performance (Galatians 3:15-29)

Theme: God's promise came before the law and cannot be undone. Through faith in Christ, not our performance, we are adopted as God's children and made co-heirs with Jesus, set free to live in His grace.

Ice-Breaker


1. **Fun Start:** If you could walk into any movie two-thirds of the way through, which one would it be, and how would you try to figure out the story?
2. **Creative Twist** What's a time you joined something late (a class, a team, a book series) and felt completely lost? How did that feel?


Reflect (Read Galatians 3:15-29 together)

3. **Core Message:** In everyday terms, what does it mean that a legal covenant can't be changed, and how does that illustrate God's unchanging promise in Christ? (*Galatians 3:15-18*)
4. **Scriptural Insight:** How does the image of the Law as a "guardian" or "tutor" help you understand its temporary role in God's plan? (*Galatians 3:23-24*)
5. **Challenge of the law:** How does realizing that the Law cannot impart life affect the way you approach obedience and spiritual disciplines? (*Galatians 3:21*)
6. **God's Role:** How does knowing you are a co-heir with Jesus change the way you see your value and future? (*Galatians 3:29*)

Take Action

7. **Personal Growth:** Think about the four reasons for the Law (restrains evil, diagnoses sin, reveals helplessness, points to Jesus). Which one do you see most clearly in your own life right now? (*Galatians 3:19-24*)
8. **Practical Steps:** Paul says we are "clothed with Christ." What would it look like for you to live this week as someone whose identity is fully in Him? (*Galatians 3:27*)
9. **Difficult Focus:** What old identities or labels (status, achievements, failures) are hardest for you to let go of in order to fully embrace your identity in Christ? (*Galatians 3:28*)
10. **Community Impact:** If everyone in your church family truly lived as "one in Christ Jesus," how would that change the way you view and treat each other? (*Galatians 3:28-29*)

 **Weekly Practice:** Reflect on Galatians 3:26-27 every morning this week. Thank God that you are clothed in Christ and ask Him to help you live from that identity.

 **Group Prayer:** Pray that your group, and your whole church, would rest in God's promise, not in performance, and would live as sons and daughters clothed in Christ.