



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Galatians 3:1-9

Introduction: In this passage Paul expresses profound confusion as to how the Galatians could have been led astray by the Judaizers. Paul addresses the false teaching by providing the Galatians with evidence that proves that we are saved not by human effort but through faith alone in the finished work of Christ. This passage calls us to fix our eyes on Jesus and to rest in his finished work for both our righteousness and spiritual growth.



Into the Word

In verses 2-5 Paul asks a series of rhetorical questions. Why does Paul focus on the Holy Spirit? **Read Acts 10:34-48.** How does this passage help us answer Paul's questions?

Consider: Romans 8:9

Resource: [Theological Primer: The Holy Spirit](#)

To the Judaizers Abraham was a hero and a patriarch. How does Paul turn the tables in verses 6-9 and use Abraham as an example of faith instead of law keeping?

Consider: Genesis 15:6

Resource: [The Gospel According to Abraham](#)

In verse 6 we are told that God counted Abraham as righteous through faith. What is the difference between having imputed righteousness and inherent righteousness?

Note: Abraham's righteousness was not infused into him but was credited to him.

Resource: [What is Imputed Righteousness?](#)



Into the Heart

Where in your life are you tempted to look for evidence of your value, worth, or goodness? What causes you to feel despair in life? What causes you to feel proud of yourself?

While we begin our Christian lives by faith, most of us tend to fall back into relying on our own efforts. Why does this happen? How does the doctrine of imputed righteousness change how we approach growth in the Christian life?

Consider: Philippians 2:12-13

Note: Imputed righteousness means that the righteousness of Jesus is credited to us.



Into the World

What are the signs that we or others are being deceived by self righteousness? How can we help one another from being deceived by self righteousness?

Note: Focus on the content of the passage not simply the style or rhetoric.

How can we keep our eyes fixed on Christ throughout the week?