

GALATIANS 3

Chi Alpha Lifegroup Guide Galatians

LESSON PREP

Read through Gen 15. Paul goes back to the promise God gave to Abraham to remind the Galatian church that his promise is reliable.

PRE LG TEXT MESSAGE QUESTIONS

Do you find that God is reliable? Let's read together why he is the most reliable! Get pumped for LG tonight!

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Galatians 3:3

1ON1 FOLLOW UP

Who do you find you rely on throughout the day?

INTRODUCTION

Paul opens up with some serious questions for the Galatian churches to ponder. It appears the churches thought and were being taught that Christ's work was sufficient to justify (save) them, but not sanctify (grow) them. "After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?" (Gal. 3:3) "The gospel is not just ABC of Christianity, but the A to Z of the Christian life". – Timothy Keller

Galatians 3:1-14

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *Often times Gentiles (non-Jewish people) were told that they were second class Christians because they were not seeds of Abraham as the Jewish people were, but here Paul tells them that they are in fact "children of Abraham" because of their faith and not because of their work in the law.*

- When do you find yourself relying on your own strength and not on the strength of Christ?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *Verse 6 says "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness", which means he was given righteousness that wasn't his, just as we are given righteousness that isn't ours. We have become perfect in God's sight because of Christ.*

- How does this cause you to view yourself? Christ? Others?

Galatians 3:15-22

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *The law only showed us how much we needed Christ. The true promise is Christ, the Seed, and the law was given until the Seed would come. Paul argues in these verses that the Law of Moses introduced 430 years after the promise of Abraham does not mean that the promise is done with. If the law trumped over the promise, it would mean that God changed his mind and that we would now have to rely on our performance and not God's promise.*

- What is the promise/covenant that God made with Abraham? (See Genesis 15)
- What comfort do you find knowing God and His promise is unchanging?

Galatians 3:23-29

- How does knowing the law increase your gratitude for Christ?
- What are some self-righteous motives that God wants to rid you of?

APPLICATION

Where are you at with God? Do you know him? His love, his grace? Do you know him in your head but not your heart? *****Challenge your people to go home and journal, pray, talk to God about where they are at in their relationship with him. This is between them and God. As a leader, do the same. Have a follow up conversation the following week about this in one on ones or as a group.**

