



Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of June 23, 2019

**This Week's Focus:** The glory of the gospel is that God assumed the covenant curses that we deserved upon Himself in the person of Christ to save us, thereby manifesting his love for us while upholding his justice.

**This Week's Text:** Galatians 3:15-25

"Love is what law commands, and the commands are what law fulfills. Love requires direction and principles of operation. Commands are the railroad tracks on which the life empowered by the love of God poured into the heart by the Holy Spirit runs. Love empowers the engine; law guides the direction."

**Sinclair Ferguson**

**Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- Share what the Holy Spirit has impressed on your heart and mind from this week's text. How has this passage realigned your thoughts, feelings, and actions with the truth of the gospel?
- What point is Paul making about the nature of God's covenant by using the illustration of a man-made covenant? What is the covenant that God established with Abraham (Genesis 15)? How did God eternally seal his promises to Abraham?
- Who is the *offspring* that God promised to send to fulfill his covenant? What were the Judaizers teaching about the law's relationship to the promises of God (verses 17-18)? Did the establishment of the Mosaic law change the way the promise/inheritance is received?
- Why is it significant that the law was given *after* God rescued Israel from bondage to the Egyptians (Exodus 19:3-4)? Discuss the three distinct categories that of the law of God and how they function: **Civil, Ceremonial, Moral**. What does the law teach us about God, ourselves? How does the law drive us to Jesus Christ?
- How did Jesus' interpretation of the moral law reveal its purpose (Matthew 5)? How did Jesus fulfill all aspects of the law? Explain how the moral law acts as a roadmap for the Christian life.
- In what way does the law imprison *all of humanity* (verse 22; Romans 3:9-18; Psalm 143:2)? How does the law act as a *guardian/pedagogue* until the coming of Christ?
- How did Jesus release us from the imprisoning power of the law, redeem us from the curse of the law, and secure our adoption as sons of God (verse 23)?
- Is the Holy Spirit leading you to declare and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ to someone you know? Is he leading you to bring the good news of the gospel to another area of the world?