Deep Roots | Galatians 3:15-29 April 27th and 28th, 2024 My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion.

- 1) Can you share a time when you wish someone had told you to "Stop" but you didn't? (Sermon illustration last week)
- 2) When have you made and kept a promise? When has someone broken a promise to you?

Study Questions

This is a tool. Use some of these questions or write your own. Complete these questions for your own personal preparation to lead.

Big Idea: Living Gospel-centered is built on knowing God's story points to Jesus.

Warm-up: What does it look like to live Gospel-centered?

Was there a question in *Live It Out* that impacted or challenged you?

Read Galatians 3:15-20

Principle #1 God's plan was always to bless the nations through Jesus.

- 1) God's covenant established with Abraham was to "make his offspring (singular) a blessing to the nations". Who is the "offspring" being spoken of? (Gen. 12:2-7) How are you now part of that blessing to the nations?
- 2) God's covenant with Israel through Moses at Mt. Sinai does not annul the promise to Abraham. What does that tell you about our promise-keeping God? How does this change how you think about God's story?
- 3) How does this first promise to Abraham and his offspring still impact you? What other promises from Him impact you today?
- 4) How does God's provision of the law show his grace? How does clarity on the law's purpose help you?

Read Galatians 3:21-29

Principle #2 We all need a guide to see our need for and follow Jesus.

- 5) Paul says one purpose of "the law" was to be a guardian until Jesus arrived. Why was a guardian needed and how did the law work to point people to Jesus?
- 6) Why is it important to know when the word "law" refers to all of the Torah and when it refers to the Mosaic/Sinai covenant? How does this make all Scripture still relevant to your life?
- 7) When faith in Jesus was revealed, the law on tablets changed to law written in the mind and in the heart. (Jeremiah 31:33) How does this describe the indwelling Spirit? How is he your guide?
- 8) When we put our faith in Christ, Paul reminds us that the Gospel removes all barriers and categories between people. Where have you experienced this removal of barriers? Where do you find the barriers still exist?
- 9) What people have been used to point you to Jesus? How are people in different life stages and with different experiences used to shape you? Who are you pointing to Jesus?
- 10) How does this passage give you new language to express the gospel? Where can you share it?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.

- 1) Jesus, "What can I do so that my story points others to you?"
- 2) Jesus, "Who would you like me to invest in?"