

FOOD TIME: (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

MEETING TIME: (45 minutes)

As we go more and more into the book of Galatians, we see Paul go to the best place that we can go to when we are wondering what steps to take, our faith. Paul gives such a powerful insight as to how powerful our faith can be. It is a reminder that it is not about the works that we do that help us with our salvation; it is about the faith in Jesus Christ who sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins. It helps us not sit in the things of the law, but in the saving grace that comes when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

READ Galatians 3:5-14

5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **6** just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” **7** Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. **8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel in Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” **9** So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham. **10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” **11** But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.” **12** Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.” **13** Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), **14** that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

FACILITATE Discussion Questions

1. Why does Paul put such a focus on faith here in this section of scripture?
2. How are you blessed by your faith?
3. What does Paul mean when he says that the just shall live by faith?
4. What does Christ redeeming us from the curse of the law mean to you?
5. How can these verses help us when we walk out our faith to others who do not know Jesus?

PRAY- Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

APPLICATION- The biggest piece of application to take away from this chapter is that we can live in the confidence of our faith in everything that we do. It is nothing that we can do, it all comes to us surrendering to the authority of Jesus Christ. Our faith can show in our actions and in our character. Abraham is a perfect example of this because he constantly lived in faith and trusting in who God is and what He can do. As you go out this week, think about how you can walk boldly in faith in everything that you do whether it is good or bad. When we do that, we can show how Christ has transformed us through our faith and that only through Him can we exemplify a godly character in our lives. As we do that more and more, it shows to others so that they can see what living for Christ is truly like. Let us go out into our interactions with others looking to glorify His name in the way that we speak, the way that we act, and the way that we treat others as brothers and sisters in Christ.