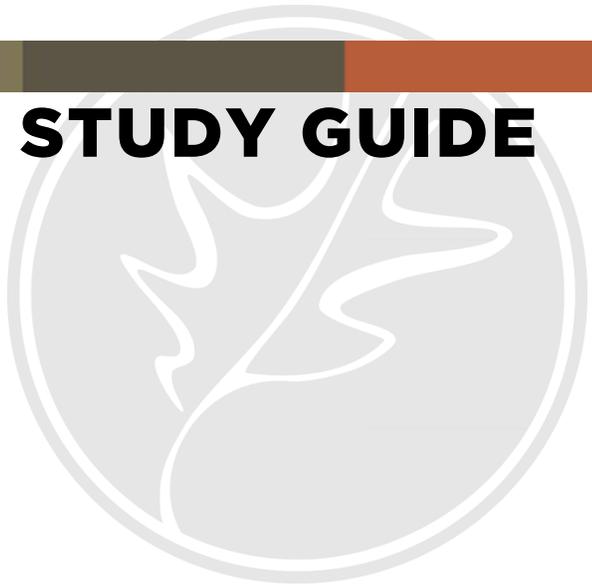


STUDY GUIDE



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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
Mike Feliciano—Church Planter of Fellowship Church

[set up]

Have you ever thought you had to do good works or religious practices to be forgiven of sins and put in good standing with God? If that has changed for you, elaborate on *when* and *why*.

[digging deeper]

Read Galatians 3:1-14.

Summarize these verses in one word: _____
Share your answer with your LifeGroup.

Summarize these verses in one sentence: _____

Share your answer with your LifeGroup.

What is your understanding of the difference between law and faith? Why are both so important to the Christian faith?

Here's a helpful link if you get stuck -

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/devotionals/dbdbg/view.cfm?Date=1010>

Why do people often default back to trying to be in good standing with God though works?

What does this passage teach about God resolving the outcome of living by the law for us?

God uses Abraham as an example of faith that leads to righteousness. Look up Genesis 15:1-6 and Romans 4:1-5. What is the point God is making about how Abraham was justified before God (declared righteous) apart from the law? How does that encourage you personally?

Having an intellectual understanding of salvation/forgiveness/justification through faith is critical to an accurate understanding of salvation for us and others, but what is the connection to the Holy Spirit? (Look again at Galatians 3:2, 3, 5, 14.)

In verse 3 Paul asks the Galatians why they are trying to perfect in the flesh what God has accomplished in the Spirit. What are ways that you see people trying to accomplish in the flesh what God accomplished/completed in the Spirit (spiritual maturity, obedience, holy living, etc.)? What are ways YOU personally try to perfect God's work in the flesh in your life?

We need to abide/trust/rest/depend on the Spirit. Someone share the sail illustration from Sunday and how this relates. Share with each other ways that you "raise the sail" of walking in the Spirit in your relationship with God to grow, obey, and live holier.

[living it out]

The content of this lesson should bring correction in our lives where we are trying to operate out of law/flesh/human effort. What area of your life needs to be (or is being) corrected in light of what you learned today?

It should also bring compassion for others who do not know what you just learned, especially people who are still trying to be made right with God through works and religious practices.

Who comes to your mind that needs to know what you know about this? _____

Pray for them by name and look for an opportunity to share what you learned.

[end with prayer]

Close in prayer by praying for what God has put on your heart from this lesson, and pray for each other to operate in faith alone as you trust God's Spirit for salvation and holy living.