

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **January 5, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), “The Promisekeeper.” Please read the sermon passage (Galatians 3:15-22) together out loud.

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Sermon Outline:

By upholding the truth of the Gospel . . .

1. We emphasize the priority of God’s promise (vv 15-18)
 - a. Legal argument (after you enter a covenant you can’t change it! V 15)
 - b. Historical argument (God’s covenant with Abraham preceded “law” vv 16-17)
 - c. Theological argument (No one can earn what God gives v 18)
2. We recognized the purpose of the law (vv 19-22)
 - a. We have the law to show us that we are unable to meet God’s requirements.
 - b. The law shows us that only Christ is the fulfillment of God’s promise.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Why do we have such a hard time recognizing that we cannot add to or subtract from the perfect work that God accomplished in Christ Jesus? Share about times in your life when you tried to earn God’s favor. Share about times in your life when you trusted something other than Christ’s work (idolatry).
2. The promises of God to Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:15) and Abraham (Genesis 12:3) came prior to the Law. Grace came before work. Promise came before law. What happens to your anxiety, fear and expectations when you believe God FIRST and then “work”? What happens to your anxiety, fear and expectations when you “work” FIRST and then try to trust God?
3. The ratified covenant is unconditional. The ratified covenant is unalterable. The ratified covenant is unending. How does this fuel your love for God?
4. Interact with this CS Lewis quote: “No one knows how bad they really are until they try to be really good.”
5. How do these truths impact the way you share the gospel with a friend?