

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **January 12, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "In Good Faith." Please read the sermon passage (Galatians 3:23-29) together out loud.

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Sermon Outline:

1. **Before faith came we were under God's law** (vv 23-24)
 - a. The law is good, but because it can't produce life it holds us captive (23)
 - b. The law is our guardian, escorting us (sometimes against our will) to "school" (24)
2. **Because faith came we are in Christ Jesus** (vv 25-29)
 - a. In Christ we are sons of God, with full rights and privileges (26-27)
 - b. In Christ we are all one, with no racial or cultural or gender-based divisions (28)
 - c. In Christ we are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to God's promise (29)

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. The law imprisons us because it sets requirements that cannot be perfectly met, and because the law itself cannot produce spiritual life. How can the law be good? What has it taught you?
2. The Galatians were, in essence, returning to the law. After beginning a life in Jesus by his Spirit, they started reverting back to rules. Why do we do this? Where do you see this tendency in your own life?
3. Being IN CHRIST Jesus gives us full rights as sons. What rights as a son of God do you enjoy? Which rights do you have a hard time embracing and accepting?
4. Being in Christ ought to remove every "ism" of division and oppression. In Christ it doesn't matter what your skin color is, what your income level is or what your gender/sex is. Are you overcoming racism, cultural bigotry and sexism? How is this evident?
5. When you belong to the promise, you're safe. No matter what. Do you live, plan, pray, make decisions, forgive, invest, laugh and give like you are a child of God's promise? If not, how can we help you?