

GROUP GUIDE – PARTICIPANT

Series: Stand Firm

Galatians 3:1–9

Big Idea God counts sinners righteous by faith, not by works of the law. The same faith by which we receive Christ is the faith by which we continue in the Christian life.

CONNECT

Opening Question - How have you seen God work this week?

Follow-Up Question - Where do people often feel pressure to prove themselves?

READ GALATIANS 3:1-9

REFLECT ON THE SERMON

What stood out to you from the sermon on this passage?

Was there anything from the message that challenged, encouraged, or convicted you?

Where did you sense the Lord pressing something into your own life?

WALK THROUGH THE PASSAGE

1. Paul confronts the Galatians' confusion.

Read Galatians 3:1

What words or phrases stand out in verse 1?

Why is it sometimes hard for Christians to recognize when they are moving from faith in Christ to reliance on themselves?



2. Paul points to their reception of the Spirit.

Read Galatians 3:2–5

What contrast does Paul repeat in these verses?

Why does Paul use the giving of the Spirit as evidence in his argument?

How would you explain the difference between Spirit-dependent obedience and self-reliant religion?

3. Paul shows that Abraham was counted righteous by faith.

Read Galatians 3:6–9

Why does Paul bring Abraham into the discussion?

According to verses 7–9, who are the sons of Abraham?

What does this teach us about how someone belongs to the people of God?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

Application Question 1

What voices, pressures, or expectations tend to pull you away from simple trust in Christ?

What messages do you hear from culture, family, church background, social media, or your own mind that make it harder to rest in what Christ has done?

Application Question 2

Where do you see self-reliance show up in your Christian life?

Application Question 3

What would it look like this week to continue by faith instead of relying on yourself?

How can this Group encourage you or pray for you as you seek to live this out?



GOSPEL CONNECTION

Galatians 3:1–9 reminds us that sinners are made right with God by faith, not by works of the law.

Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness. The blessing promised to Abraham comes ultimately through Jesus Christ.

Jesus lived the righteous life we have not lived. He died in the place of sinners. He took the judgment our sin deserved. He rose from the dead. Everyone who turns from sin and trusts in Him is forgiven, counted righteous before God, given the Spirit, and brought into the family of God.

The Christian life does not move beyond faith in Christ. It continues by faith in Christ.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Trust the finished work of Christ.
- Recognize self-reliance.
- Walk in dependence on the Spirit.
- Obey from faith, not fear or pride.
- Encourage one another toward faithfulness.

