

## 5 | GROUP PRAYER

Rather than going around the group and sharing prayer requests, you might consider simply bowing your heads and taking turns praying for the things on your heart or that the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

# NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP

## 1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

- Verse to Memorize: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Passages to Read: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

## 3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

# GROUPS

## STUDY GUIDE

### Why Would I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

### How Do I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

#### 1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

#### 2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com). For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

#### 3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus' work on the cross and out of the grave?

Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time.

#### 4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study – writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading.

We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

# PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: Galatians 3:10-14

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS HERE:

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: Lamentations 3:25-26; Habakkuk 3:16-19; Romans 3:27-31; 4:13-16; Galatians 5:4-6; Hebrews 11:35-40; 1 Peter 1:6-12

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: September 16-23

**1 | PRAY: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.**

**2 | READ GALATIANS 3:10-14**

One volunteer reads the passage in the ESV or NIV. Another volunteer reads the passage in AMP or NLT.

**3 | CONSIDER SITUATIONAL/HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

Some influential Jews who followed Jesus were trying to convince the Gentiles in Galatian churches that they had to become Jews and follow the Jewish Law before they, too, could be true Christ-followers. Paul wrote this letter to correct that misunderstanding. In this passage, he points out that all who rely on the Law for salvation are committing themselves to following the Law perfectly—which, of course, no one can do! No one, that is, except Jesus. He fulfilled the Law for us, so that we can be redeemed from the curse of the Law when we put our faith in His perfect work.

**4 | DISCUSSION**

CONTENT QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to “rely on the works of the law” (v10)?
2. If not by works, how is a person “justified before God” (v11)?
3. What do you think Paul (and Habakkuk) meant by “the righteous will live by faith”? Why did Paul use Abraham as an example?

TRUTH QUESTIONS

1. Together, let’s contrast what it looks like to live by the law vs. live by faith.
2. How did you see Jesus and the gospel in these verses?
3. What does this passage/discussion teach you about God and His character?

APPLICATION/PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What are some ways you used to – or even now – live by the law instead of faith? Another way to ask this: Are there any things you used to believe – or even believe right now – that you must do in order to be saved that’s outside of faith in Jesus?
2. How is the Holy Spirit used this passage or discussion to invite you to take a step of trust in Him or spiritual growth?