

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

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### Galatians

How **NOT** to be a better Christian!

Galatians 3:1-14



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.

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## **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1.** Is there someone you look up to as a follower of Jesus? What is it that you admire/respect about this person?

**Q2.** What does it mean to you to be a 'better' Christian?

## INTO THE WORD

### **Read Galatians 3:1-5**

**Q3.** What was Paul afraid had happened to the Galatians? Why did he consider them foolish?

**Q4.** Can you paraphrase the five questions that Paul puts to the Galatian believers in verses 1-5? Why do you think the Galatian Christians were so interested in the teachings of these false teachers?

*(The Judaizers accused Paul of allowing Gentile converts to ignore the law so that he would be more popular with them. Paul, in turn, accused them of invalidating the power of Jesus' sacrifice by adding conditions to their salvation.)*

### **Read Galatians 3:6-9**

**Q5.** What does Paul say about Abraham in verses 6-9? Why do you think he chose him as an example?

*(Genesis 15:6, 18:18-19, 22:18, Heb 11:8)*

### **Read Galatians 3:10-12**

**Q6** In verses 10-12, Paul quotes three Old Testament passages (*Deut 27:26, Habakkuk 2:4, Leviticus 18:5*). What do these OT passages tell us about the law?

### **Read Galatians 3:13-14**

**Q7.** How does Jesus solve the challenge presented by attempting to live by the law? (*Romans 4:9-25*)

## **GOING DEEPER**

**Q8.** Why do you obey God's law? Do you ever obey it for the wrong reasons? What do you think the right reasons are?

**Q9.** Our relationship with God is based on a promise God made, not on our performance. When are you most tempted to look to your own efforts to make yourself acceptable to God?

## **CONCLUSION & PRAYER**

Pray for each other that we would continue our journeys of faith the way we began... by faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not through our own efforts but fully reliant upon him.