

**Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series:
Breaking Fake – November 27, 2022**



*This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The Bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:22)." **Step 1: GATHER** with your family or group. **Step 2: REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** the key points and scriptures from the sermon. **Step 3: PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.*

DISCUSSION STARTER

Ask your group, "What family traditions are very important to you?" "Why?" Ask, "How willing are you to try new things?"

DIGGING DEEPER 1

Read Galatians 6:11-13. Ask, "Why did Paul find it necessary to pen the final paragraph in his letter to the Galatians?" Ask, "Why did he use bold capital letters?" Say, "When we are in Christ, we are free from living for this life, and this physical world, and that means we can endure the loss of our property, job and life for Christ." Ask, "How have you experienced persecution for Christ in your life?" Say, "When we are in Christ, we don't talk about ourselves much. We boast about what God has done in Christ and all Christ has done for us." Ask, "In what ways are you improving at giving glory to Jesus Christ in your casual conversations at work, in the neighborhood and with all your friends?" Say, "We must be wary of religious pride. We are not better than others because we observe certain religious practices such as going to church or tithing. Such things do not help us become worthy in God's sight. Jesus, the Lamb of God, alone is worthy." Ask, "What are some areas where religious pride may manifest itself in your life?"

DIGGING DEEPER 2

Read Galatians 6:14-16. Say, "Your old life outside of Christ is something to let go of—not hold on to. Paul says he "forgets what is behind . . ." (Philippians 3:2-11, 13)." Ask, "In what ways does your life in Christ help you to "stand up" and "stand alone"? How can you effectively "forget what is behind" (the old)?" Say, "Paul has talked a lot about how our works do not gain God's approval. However, if we are in Christ, we will love him and obey him." Ask, "Do your actions and growing obedience to God reveal a love for God? How?" Say, "The closing point Paul makes in this book is: the only thing that matters is a new creation. Ask, "What does that mean? Do you view yourself as a new creation in Christ and rejoice in this reality?"

DIGGING DEEPER 3

Read Galatians 6:17-18. Say, "When you are in Christ, you belong to Him in every way. This empowers you to "bear the marks" of persecution." Ask, "Do your scars draw attention to Jesus? Or do you tend to simply try to draw attention to your scars?"

DOING THE WORD

We can summarize Paul's message in the book of Galatians simply like this: nothing you can do can make you right with God. Rules cannot save you. Religion cannot save you. Traditions cannot save you. The only way you can be saved is if God regenerates you and makes you a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) because you believe in Christ and repent of your sins. Faith in Jesus alone saves. Close by admitting in your heart and before the Lord that you are not worthy. Then cast yourself on God's mercy and depend on the Lord, who is mighty to save. Ask God to keep you humble while strengthening your appreciation for His grace. Thank God for His FREE gift of salvation. Pray for boldness to proclaim the Gospel message everywhere you go.