

**Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church**  
**Sermon Series: Breaking Fake – September 11, 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**

Have your group share their favorite teacher in school. Ask, "What was it about the teacher that caused you to like them?" Teachers help us to learn so we can go on to better things. Teachers do not exist to walk with us for life, but they are important for a season in our life.

### **DIGGING DEEPER 1**

**Read Galatians 3:21-22.** God's Law was given for a specific purpose that did not contradict His promises to Abraham or the necessity of faith in Christ. The law is authoritative in revealing the nature of sin and our bondage to our sinful nature. **Read Exodus 20** and discuss how the law exposes our bondage to sin and reveals the holiness of God. Promises are received by faith and not by obeying the law. The way to freedom from sin is through faith in Christ and not through the fear of punishment revealed in the law of God. **Read and discuss 1 John 4:18-19.**

### **DIGGING DEEPER 2**

**Read Galatians 3:23-26.** According to Paul, the law of God also represents a guardian or teacher. The law not only revealed the holiness of God and our bondage to sin, but the law trains and prepares us for faith. In Christ, we are no longer under the tutorship of the law, but we become children of God by faith. Discuss the close relationship we can have with God through faith in Jesus. Ask, "What causes us to struggle to see ourselves as freed children of God instead of under the law?" Encourage your group to express how they have been able to receive or have struggled to accept God as Father. Challenge them to declare themselves as sons and daughters of God based on God's truth and not their ability to do all the right things according to the law. **Read Ephesians 2:8-9** and discuss the concept of grace.

### **DIGGING DEEPER 3**

**Read Galatians 3:27-29.** Ask, "Was Paul referring to water baptism or something else? What does the phrase 'baptized into Christ' mean and how is it similar or different from the phrase 'clothed yourselves with Christ?'" Discuss how verses 28-29 reveal the nature of our standing before God. We often create categories based on economics, gender, and ethnicity, but when it comes to salvation, God does not make these distinctions. Using the message or a study Bible lead your group to answer the following question: "What is the importance of being Abraham's offspring and heirs of the promises made to him through our relationship with Christ?"

### **DOING THE WORD**

**Read Galatians 2:20.** Paul's words in this verse become even more powerful as we continue our study of Galatians. He is referring to the fact that he has been completely immersed into Christ and covered by the perfect righteousness of Christ. Ask, "What changes do we need to make in our lives if we are to see our life in Christ as the most important aspect of who we are?" Our thoughts, words, actions, and attitudes reveal "who's" we are. To say that we "belong to Christ" means that He is to be the sole proprietor of our lives. Encourage your group to make a commitment to live as those who belong to Christ and are completely surrendered to Him. Ask, "What role does our group have in living this way?" Challenge your group to commit to encouraging each other, holding each other accountable, and to praying for each other.