




THE SIMPLE GOSPEL



discussion guide

WEEK 4: THE MULTI-CULTURAL BLESSING FROM GOD

Read the Text

Galatians 3: 1-9

¹ O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶ just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Main Point

Paul continues his exhortation that there is nothing you or I can do to earn our salvation from God. It is a free unearned gift that God gives as a result of his grace. In today’s passage, we get

some more amazing news: **All people – every culture, race, language, gender, socio-economic status, disability – ALL PEOPLE can receive the greatest blessing of salvation from God through His promise to Abraham.** Through faith – not through works or bloodline or anything else – we are offered forgiveness and reconciliation with our Father. So how do we get this blessing? **We receive the blessing of Abraham by faith.** That's it. Faith that brings us into relationship with God where we spend time with Him, talk to Him, rest in Him. Faith that gives us hope in God over hope in our circumstances. Faith that changes us and makes us *desire* His law, and not white-knuckle our way through striving to obey it. This faith is accessible to all. It is this free offering of grace that makes Christianity an incredibly diverse religion. This diversity is possible because of the promise of Jesus. And that's because **God didn't create us to be like one-another, He created us to be like Him.** We are welcomed in as unique followers of God, equally loved, and united to Him in obedient faith.

Reflect Together

1. **Who is God?** Consider how God created all the nations and unites us together through faith in Him. What do you think of that? How does that impact you and your appreciation for His work and glory?
2. **What has He done?:** Is it hard for you to believe that it is only by faith that you've been saved? How do you sometimes live as though it's through works or your obedience to the law?
3. **Who are you?:** We must place our faith in Christ to receive His blessing. When you think of faith being relational and marked with hope in Jesus, how do you think you're doing? Where do you feel strong in your faith? Where do you feel weak?
4. **What are you to do?:** How would you like to grow and deepen in your faith? Doxa has some great spiritual practice guides on our app. What would change in your life if you had deeper faith?

Abide Together

Pray together about what came up during discussion. Pray that each of you would deepen in your faith and relationship with Jesus.

Mission Together

All are saved through faith! Who in your life needs to hear this news that salvation is available to all? How could God be wanting to use you to pursue someone by demonstrating the Gospel?