



DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ

Romans 7:1-6
Galatians 3:23-26

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Did anything stand out to you about this week's sermon? Was there anything that surprised you, or that was new to you?
2. What have been some of your own struggles in understanding the law and its role in our lives today? Did Sunday's message help clarify anything for you?
3. What comes to mind when you hear the word "legalism"? Have you ever thought of the law of Moses as "legalistic"? Does it change your perspective to notice that God gave His people the law *after* He had saved them from Egypt? What else changes when we view the law as a *response* to grace instead of a way to earn it?
4. Read Galatians 3:23-24. Remember that "guardian" can mean "tutor" or "schoolmaster." The law helped prepare Israel for Jesus; what are some ways we use the law in our lives today to help us know and love Christ more?
5. Colossians 2:16 lists several aspects of the law which do not apply to our lives today. Have you struggled with any of these? Are there any other examples where you have lived or acted like you were still "under the law"? How does the news that "now we are released from the law" (Romans 7:6) impact your heart, and even your behaviour, today?
6. The covenants have changed, but God's righteousness has not. Even though we are not under the law, God still expects us to live righteously. As we think ahead to next week, what are some questions or struggles you have about this idea?