



**Don't Stay As You Are - there is a path!**

**For week of Sept 10**

### **Look Back**

- **Group Check in....are there any “housekeeping” things that need to be talked about with the group (i.e. scheduling, child care, food plans, etc.) Your group might even discuss the “small group response” system and how that is helping or hurting your group interaction.**
- **In two weeks, CH in partnership with other churches in the area and the City of Joplin, is the citywide Great Day of Service. Are there any plans we, as a group, need to go over in preparation for this day of community service?**
- **Review: last week, we discussed the opening passages of the letter to the Galatians. We talked about not “distorting” the gospel of Christ and even who we could share the gospel with. Did anyone share this with someone in their life this past week? If so, how did it go?**

### **Look Up**

**This week, we get into some pretty big life stuff as Paul begins writing about how we are to view/interact with faith and the law. This is big stuff. Is it the “doing” that gives us our identity and redemption or is it faith? This is a constant inward and outward battle for many of us. It’s too easy for us to begin thinking “if I just do things right - don’t lie, go to church, read my Bible, pray before meals, etc. - then God and I will be ok. Our relationship will be good. Some might call this Karma....Christian Karma. If I can just \_\_\_\_\_, then God will have to be ok with me. Let’s read and see what Paul has to say about this very basic human way of thinking.**

### **Read Galatians 3:10-29**

- **What do you learn about God?**
- **What do you learn about people and yourself?**
- **What does this teach us about becoming a better disciple of Jesus?**

### **Look Forward**

- **Paul writes about “the curse of the law” - what do you think this means?**
- **Where, in your life, are you more apt to follow “the law” than to live by faith and in the freedom of grace offered through the sacrifice of Jesus?**
- **In v. 27, the term “put on Christ” is used. What is Paul talking about? What does this look like in your life, this week?**
- **Without us even knowing, the family or household we grew up in influences our thoughts on this passage. These are deep waters! What thoughts and emotions are evoked in you when you hear that you are a child of God? Why?**