

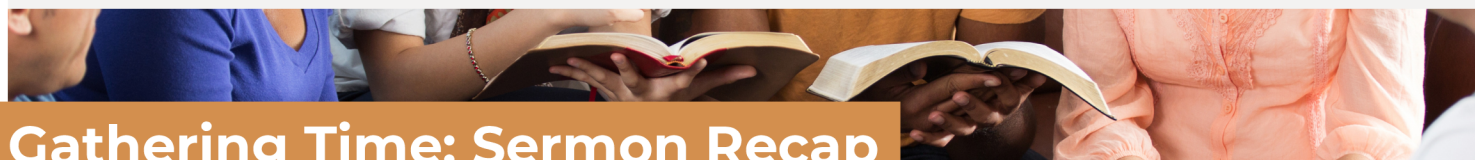
How to Use This Guide:

- **Read the Sermon Recap** by yourself (for devotions) or with your group. You can also watch the sermon on YouTube @CBCFamily.
- **Read the passage/s.** Look for truths, promises, and/or commands. Try to find the “who, what, when, where, why, and how.”
- **Group Time:** First, take turns reading the Scripture passage/s from the sermon, round-robin style, letting each person read one verse. Go around the circle until the whole passage has been read. Then, **utilize the Group Time** portion of this 4G Guide.

What's a 4G? A guide that covers:

1. Gathering Time (Sunday morning)
2. Group Time (for group meetings)
3. God Times (personal and family devotions)
4. Give Time (a prompt for reflection)

- **Personal God Time:** Use these each day to dive into the passages further and challenge yourself to apply the texts.
- **Family God Time:** Use these each week to dive into the passages with your family.
- **Give Time:** Ask your group, yourself, or your family what might be a good response to the sermon or text? How are you inspired to give of your time, talent, or treasure?



Gathering Time: Sermon Recap

Galatians 3: Live By Faith

Today, Greg preached the next sermon in the series on the Book of Galatians. Titled “Live by Faith,” Greg preached from Galatians 3:1-14 and 23-29.

Paul wrote to the Galatians to set the record straight: salvation happens through faith, not works. No amount of obedience to the Mosaic Law could win salvation or the gift of the Holy Spirit. Paul even called the Galatians “foolish” for thinking this way. (What a serious reminder for us!)

Paul then used Abraham as an example of faith. By faith, Abraham believed in God and obeyed Him. This was counted as righteousness. The point? Righteousness comes through faith. Abraham did not obey God out of obligation to the Law because it had not yet been given through Moses. No, Abraham obeyed purely from faith. Paul highlighted this crucial point to show the Galatians that righteousness through faith has a biblical backing. Paul didn’t invent this—it has been there since the beginning!

Paul explained that the Holy Spirit cannot be earned by works of the Law. (See vv. 10-14.) No, He is a gift! Christ has fulfilled the Law so that we may have access to God through belief in His death and resurrection.

What was the purpose of the Law then? The Law was a guardian, showing sin and setting boundaries, enabling God’s followers to enter into His presence. In addition, the Law pointed to Jesus; He is the ultimate fulfillment of all the Law’s requirements. Since we are “in Christ,” we rest in His work and have the Spirit indwell us.

How, like Abraham, can we live by faith? First, we must ask ourselves, “How did I get here?” (See vv. 2-3.) If we began our walk with God in faith, we must continue in faith, not trying to earn salvation through works. Second, we must know the promises of God. If we do not, the world will whisper lies and we may fall victim.

The Holy Spirit brings unity within our God-given diversity (vv.27-29). Share Him as you live by faith, and reach others for Jesus!

Group Time: Questions

Conversation Starter

Ask: How did the Sunday sermon impact you personally?

Discussion Questions

Choose a track, mix and match, or do them all.

- **Track 1:** What is the main point of the passages that were discussed in today's sermon? Give a summary statement of Galatians 3.
- Did you grow up singing the kids' church song, "Father Abraham?" (If not, look it up.) Why can we be counted among his "many sons"?
- How did Abraham show great faith? Read Genesis 12:1-4a. What promise did God make, and how did Abraham respond?

- **Track 2:** What sorts of things do you think non-Believers might put their trust in?
- Have you ever (or do you now) struggle to have faith? Faithfulness is fruit of the Spirit. Pray for one another to abound in faith.
- The Mosaic Law served purpose. What two things did Greg mention? Discuss these.

- **Track 3:** Have you heard people say that they are saved because of their relatives' faith? Or by works? How would you respond?
- What will you do to grow stronger in your knowledge of the Word and God's promises?
- The Spirit unites diverse Believers. How? Why?



God Time: Personal

Use the sermon notes from our Gathering Time this week for your personal time with God. Use a spare notebook or your favorite device to journal your responses. Include prayer and application in your time with God!

- **Monday:** Read Gal 3:1-5 from the sermon. What stands out? How do verses 2-3 take a stance against salvation by works?
- **Tuesday:** Read Gal 3:6-9. How are Gentile Christians "sons of Abraham?" (The answer is in v.9.) Thank God for this blessing.
- **Wednesday:** Read Gal 3:10-14. How are we *not* justified (saved)? (See v. 11.) How do we receive the Holy Spirit? (v. 14)
- **Thursday:** Read Gal 3:23-26. What is the role of the Law, according to this passage? the role of faith? What does this lead you to pray?
- **Friday:** Read Gal 3:27-29. This passage doesn't erase diversity. It shows unity by the Holy Spirit within diversity (v. 28). Why is so important that Believers are united?



God Time: Family

Parents: Familiarize yourself with sermon recap from our Gathering Time. Sum it up in a way your child can understand.

- Consider **reading** Galatians 3:6-9 from today's sermon from the ERV.
- Give a **summary** statement like: "Abraham loved God and believed the promises that God made to send Jesus. Abraham had big faith! When we have faith in God like Abraham did, we are blessed, too, and we are called his 'sons' (or children). We can have big faith, too!"
- **Ask:** What kind of faith did Abraham have?
- **Say:** Yes, Abraham had big faith! We can have faith like that, too.
- **Activity:** Head to YouTube and search for "Father Abraham Lyric & Dance Video" by Kids on the Move. Enjoy singing the silly song with your kids and doing the dance. Make sure you explain how you and your children are (or can be) one of Abraham's "sons." All it takes is faith in Jesus!

Give: *How does this week's sermon inspire you to give of your time, talent, or treasure?*