



DIGGING DEEPER

11.12.17

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you, and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to fopc.org/sermon or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer.]

KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

¹⁵ "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in[a] Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ "But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

¹⁹ "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:15-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message or key scripture?
2. What is Paul saying about the value of "the works of the law"?
3. What does the word, *justification* mean to you as it is used here?
4. What did Luther mean by the Latin phrase, *Simul justis et peccator*?
5. What is the role of obedience in the gospel?
6. Compare the differences in how God operates in human lives between the circumcision group and Paul's gospel of Jesus.
7. What do you think Paul means when he says in verse 20, "I have been crucified with Christ"?
8. What motivates you to belong to Jesus?

PRAY [Close your time in prayer. Allow time to pray for any needs in your group.]