

THE FORMULA

Galatians 3:1-5

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. SEEING JESUS AS VIVIDLY PORTRAYED AS CRUCIFIED
2. UNDERSTANDING THAT JESUS ALONE BRINGS COMPLETION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. In this passage, Paul "rudely" confronted the churches in Galatia for losing sight of the gospel. It must have been hard for the leadership to read this letter to their churches. How do we become the type of people who are open and willing to listen to such constructive criticism from our spiritual family?
3. In Galatians 3:3 we can see that the formula for spiritual growth is the same as the formula for spiritual birth. What does this mean? What are some examples of ways that we too can lose sight of the gospel like the churches in Galatia did?
4. What does it mean for a person to be complete? Before meeting Jesus, Paul sought completion through keeping the law of God by his own will power. How do people seek completion today? How do you seek completion? What does it mean to repent of our efforts to complete ourselves?
5. There is a difference between knowing about God and actually seeing who He is. Can you share any experiences when you have "seen" Jesus? How would you encourage someone who wants to see Jesus "vividly portrayed as crucified" but just can't seem to see Him?
6. The Gospel helps us see the root of the turmoil in our life and is the only thing that can help us overcome that turmoil. How can we communicate this to believers who are stuck in turmoil? What about to unbelievers?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Spiritual transformation comes to a halt when we look to anything other than Jesus for completion. Spiritual transformation occurs when we can see that we are looking for completion outside of Jesus and then we see that only Jesus completes us.