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Willow Park Church
Small Group Questions

“A New Motivation”

Galatians 5:1-6

- Please read Galatians 5:1-6 together at the beginning of your meeting.

In Galatians 5, Paul states that if we seek to be justified before God through our good works then we have to be perfect in our moral actions.

- Does Paul mean that it is possible to be perfect through our actions?
- Why is “Christ...of no advantage” (vs. 2) to us If we do not accept our depravity before God?
- Discuss why Paul gives the ultimatum that God is either all grace or all law.

When we accept God’s grace, the Spirit gives us a new motivation to live for God.

- How did your motives change once you became a Christian? Did God free you from a certain sin?
- How does the love of God motivate us differently than trying to earn God’s love?

Paul states that God adopts us as children (Gal. 4:4) and that we are no longer slaves (Gal. 4:7) to sin.

- How is living as a child of God different from living as slave?
 - A child lives out of love for the Father and a Slave lives our of fear of his Master.

- How does viewing ourselves as a child of God produce openness and transparency before God?

How do you foster a motivation to live for Christ?

- Galatians 5:7 (ESV) “You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?”
 - Running well takes discipline
 - Faithful prayer, reading your Bible daily
 - “Who hindered you from obeying the truth?”
 - Surround yourself with good relationships.