

## **Discussion Questions – An Irrevocable Agreement**

### **Galatians 3:15-22**

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1. Start by asking members of your group to share how & where they met their husband or wife.
2. Discuss the analogy that Pastor Mark used of the two types of marriage: (1) Promise - "for better or worse, in sickness and in health, etc.," or (2) Performance - established agreements and requirements before they got married. Which best reflects your marriage? What are the strengths and weaknesses of both types of marriages?
3. The Apostle Paul argues that our relationship with God is based on "promise" (grace) not "performance" (law) (3:15-21). Compare: Romans 3:28 & 4:1-5.
4. If you have time, read about how God established His Covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15:6 / 12 / 17. Make sure you understand that the agreement was based completely on what God did (the burning fire pot) and nothing that Abraham did (he slept)!
5. Discuss the three reasons why God gave us the Law of Moses 430 years after the Covenant with Abraham: (1) the Law reminds us of our sin, (2) the Law helps restrain sin, and (3) the Law reveals our need of a Savior since we can not completely keep the Law. We all fall short (Romans 3:23).
6. Why do you think our relationship with God is based on "Promise" (faith) and not "Performance" (works)? (Ephesians 2:8-9)
7. How can we strengthen our marriages today from what we have learned?