

## Week 5 | Only The Broken | August 23, 2015

## **Opening Up:**

Have you every been superstitious? What were you superstitious about? Why do you think people are superstitious?

**Reference:** Galatians 3:-1-14

## **Discuss:**

- 1. In Galatians 3:1 Paul calls the Galatians foolish. Although they were Christians they were being foiled by false teaching. How do you keep from being naive and not overcorrecting (i.e. being overly dogmatic or arrogant about what you believe)?
- 2. Why are each one of this statements true and important reminders.
  - 1. Some people think they are Christians, but they are not.
  - 2. Some people are Christians, but don't act like it.
  - 3. Some people are Christians, but they believe foolish things.
- 3. In Galatians 3:1 Paul says Jesus was portrayed vividly before their eyes. Has there ever been a time when the gospel was so vividly portrayed it was as if Jesus were before your eyes? Explain.
- 4. How is the gospel a truth that you experience? What is that experience like?
- 5. In 3:1 Paul uses the singular "who." One commentator suggested that Paul was referring to the Devil and his lies and not just the "false brothers" found in earlier verses. Do you sometimes believe lies that keep you from experiencing the good news of the gospel? Explain.
- 6. In verses 2-5 we read that the Spirit of God and miracles came through "hearing with faith." How is hearing with faith different from just hearing? Have you ever witnessed a miracle?
- 7. If salvation came to you through faith and not by works, why do you sometimes act like it all depends upon you when you know it all depends upon God?
- 8. How do you depend on God?
- 9. Abraham was counted righteous by faith. He believed God. God promises a family. The answer to God's promise of a family that blesses families was realized in Jesus. What are some unique qualities of God's family? When God's family is at its best, what does it look like? How can you participate in helping God's family to portray God's best at New City?
- 10. Pray.