

Called To Freedom: Galatians

Appeal To Abraham

Read the following verses: Galatians 3:1-9

Examining the Text:

1. Was Abraham seeking God before he was called by God? (see Josh. 24:2)
2. Read Romans 4:9-12. Did God justify Abraham before or after he was circumcised?

Digging Deeper:

1. As a group, sketch a brief timeline of Abraham's life from Genesis 12-17.
2. What is the context of Galatians 3:6? How does the context of Abraham's life and experience help us to see that he was not made right before God because of something he did?
3. God's promised blessing to Abraham included 1) being given the land of Canaan, 2) the promise that his offspring would be too numerous to count, and 3) the promise that all the people of the earth would be blessed through him. In Galatians 3:8 Paul says, the gospel was preached beforehand. Which part of God's speaking to Abraham was the gospel?

The Heart of the Matter:

1. What has your experience been of continuing to receive the Spirit? What led to your receiving? Should your failure or success affect your receiving of the Spirit (see Galatians 3:5)?