

## WEEK 7: THE FORMULA

### *Galatians 3:1-9*

1. TRUSTING JESUS COMPLETES US
2. TRUSTING JESUS EMPOWERS US
3. TRUSTING JESUS BRINGS US INTO GOD'S FAMILY

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. **ICEBREAKER:** Pastor Ryan told the story of Coca-Cola changing their Coke formula and the chaos that followed that decision. Have you ever abandoned something that was working? Why did you make that decision? What was the result?
3. The first idea this week was "Trusting Jesus Completes Us". When we are relying on our own ability to make ourselves complete it can be discouraging and exhausting. How do you feel right now about your spiritual growth? Do you feel like you are growing, stagnant, moving in the wrong direction or none of the above?
4. Do you ever look at your life and the struggles you still have and wonder "What is wrong with me?" How do you handle guilt and shame about your past failures? How do you handle frustration and anger about your present "maturity"?
5. The Galatians were believing the lie that they could justify themselves or preserve their standing with God by obeying the Old Testament law. What do you tend to focus on when you try to justify your own existence or make yourself complete?
6. Pastor Ryan talked about Christian maturity having less to do with how many classes or studies you've attended and more to do with what you're trusting in to "bring you home". How would you define a "mature Christian"?
7. Often, we relate to God in the same way that other relationships work. We are afraid that we can sever the relationship if we do or say the wrong thing. However, "Trusting Jesus Brings Us Into God's Family" and we can never be kicked out of His family. Why do you think it is so hard for us to grasp this truth? What would be different about your life if you REALLY believed that nothing could separate you from God?
8. **APPLICATION:** So how do we just trust Jesus more? We have to look back to Calvary. We have to look at what Jesus has done and set our minds on it until it becomes real to us again. **Take time as a group to talk about what has impacted you about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.** What are some ways can look back to Jesus on a daily basis?