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1. What stood out to you from the sermon and the Scriptures?
2. Have you ever considered the Blessing (inheritance) that is ours through Christ? How might you explain this to a non-Christian friend?
3. How have you seen glimpses of the ultimate Blessing through the Holy Spirit in your life?
4. What is the problem with thinking obedience to the Law is the “way” to ultimate Blessing?
5. Why is it important for us to emphasize that Christ experienced the full wrath of God on the cross?
6. How might our understanding of Galatians 3:10-18 reshape the way we view the small “blessings” and “curses” in our life?

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The Law and the Promise

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers:¹⁶ even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

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