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Final Distinctions

Galatians 6:11-18

The logical result of legalism is that I will compare myself with others and do whatever it takes to be seen as keeping the law, without regard to the _____ of my _____. It matters more what others think of me than what God thinks of me.

Discussion 1. Can you think of ways our current culture places too much emphasis on what other people think of us? How do you know if that has become more important to you than what God thinks of you? For you, what are some red flags?

While legalism teaches us to look to the law to protect us from suffering, Christian maturity teaches us that suffering and persecution are just more ways to truly _____ in _____.

Discussion 2. How has following Christ changed your own perspective on suffering? Describe a circumstance or a season of suffering in your life and the role your faith played in how you dealt with it.

For the Christ follower, legalism makes it all about what we do, what we choose; but life in the Spirit is all about what _____, both in us and through us.

Discussion 3. The Scripture says God transforms us “by the renewing of our minds”, i.e., by changing how we think about things. How does that work for you? What kinds of circumstances does God use to change how you think?

The secular world is obsessed with power (economic, social, political, etc.), both those in power and those outside of power. But life in the Spirit is different. Christ followers have _____ for the world's versions of power.

Discussion 4. When we, as Christians, obsess over the powers of this world (social, political, military, economic), how does that impact our testimony? What kinds of spiritual disciplines might help us maintain a healthy perspective on power?