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## Summarizing Legalism Galatians 4:21-31

*Trying to be made right with God by keeping His laws makes us \_\_\_\_\_ to the law. Relying solely on our faith in Jesus to make us right before God sets us \_\_\_\_\_. We get to choose whether to be slaves or to be free.*

**Discussion 1. If I am trying to be made right with God by living under the law, how is that tantamount to slavery? How would you explain that analogy?**

*My "goodness" based upon my own efforts can produce a degree of satisfaction or contentment. My righteousness derived through my faith in Jesus produces \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that is beyond comprehension.*

**Discussion 2. There is no comparison: what we can earn will be miniscule compared to what God makes available to us through His grace. So why do we find the "merit-based" life under the law so appealing? What is the attraction?**

*As leaders in the church, our mishandling of the law, i.e., our teaching that our standing with God is in any way related to our keeping of the law, is more than just wrong teaching; it is \_\_\_\_\_, even persecution, of those we lead.*

**Discussion 3. Discuss ways in which you believe legalistic teaching about the law has harmed the church and even the communities it serves. As you discern whether any particular teaching about the law is legalistic, are there any particular red flags you have learned to listen/watch for?**

*Legalism is \_\_\_\_\_. Any notion that my standing or righteousness before God has something to do with my keeping of God's law is dangerous and Christ followers should distance ourselves from it.*

**Discussion 4. In communities where there are many options from which to choose, distancing myself from legalism can be easy. But what about in circumstances where we have no other viable options? What can I do to distance myself from legalism then?**