OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who*, *What*, *Where*, *When*, *How*, *Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) You're not awesome, but God is. How has God been teaching you this lesson lately?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Why is the object of our faith more important than the amount of faith we have? Have you recently found yourself focused on the amount of your faith rather than the object of your faith – God and his promises?

b) Can you identify places in your life where you are still living by law or placing others under law? How is this law keeping "cursing" you?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read Galatians 3:13. Christ became a curse FOR US. What does this verse mean to you personally? Have you trusted in Christ as your cursed substitute on the cross?

b) Read Galatians 3:14. The blessing of faith is 1) imputed righteousness, and 2) the indwelling Spirit. Are you actively applying these two blessings to your thinking and responding? How? For example: Are you using the gospel to "feel better about yourself" or to better love and worship God? Is your understanding of the gospel making you more "puffed up" as you "grow spiritually," or more humble and more reliant upon God?

APPLICATION

a) Is there a "problem area" in your life (greed, lust, anger, control, etc.)? How can you apply faith in God's grace (see Gal. 3:14) to this area rather than trying to fix it by "works of the law?"

FIGHTER VERSES: Galatians 3:10-14.

PRAYER

Praise God for his cursing of Christ on the cross in your place so that you might have the blessing of faith.

Confess any ways that you are still living by law keeping or keeping others under law. Ask God to keep the crucified and cursed Jesus as the object of your faith.