## UMBRELLA OF GRACE

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Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. Psalm 91:1,2 NLT

Grace is a \_\_\_\_\_ concept to grasp

Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. Galatians 3:1 NLT

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Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? Galatians 3:2,3 NLT

Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it? I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ. Galatians 3:4,5 NLT

## When you \_\_\_\_\_ God's Spirit

In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith. Galatians 3:6-9 NLT

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Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

## QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

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Galatians 3:26-29 NLT

- What is Paul reminding his audience of in his letter to the Galatians?
- What are some things the "umbrella of grace" protects us from?
- When you believe in Jesus, you receive the Spirit. How does the Spirit help us?
- Read Chapter 3:26-28. What makes this so radical?
- What does it mean to be "one in Christ"... what does that look like?