

Anticipating Christmas

Christmas Invite

Christmas marks the arrival of a solution to an unsolvable problem—how to stand before God when obedience isn't good enough.

Discussion Questions:

1. Growing up, were you more of a rule-follower or a rule-bender? What makes you say that?
2. When you mess up or fall short, what's your instinctive response—try harder, feel discouraged, or pull away?
3. Does that instinct tend to show up in your relationship with God? If so, how?
4. Read **Galatians 3:10–12** aloud

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them."

What do you think Paul is trying to communicate about relying on obedience to gain God's approval?

5. When you think about your own relationship with God, do you more often think in terms of belonging or evaluation?
6. What's one habit, belief, or internal script that may be pulling you back into "obey your way to God." What would it look like for you to intentionally release that?