PCC Study Questions for June 14th Message

“Faith from First to Last” by Brad Julihn

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20.

Jesus says He has come to “establish” or “fulfill” the Law. Then he says that in order to be declared righteous by the Law you have to exceed what even the Pharisees do. The rest of the chapter is examples of how much better you must be than the Pharisees in keeping the Law in order to enter heaven. Can anybody live up to the standard Jesus gives here? What is Jesus doing?

1. According to Galatians 3:19-25, what was the purpose of the Law that Jesus came to “establish?
2. Read Romans 1:16-17.

This passage is the central idea of the book. The first 4 chapters are about being made right or justified by God. The next four chapters are about being continually transformed by God or sanctified. How is God’s power necessary to save us and produce righteousness in our lives?

By what means is this power unleashed in our lives?

1. Read Galatians 3:1-6.

Paul asks several rhetorical (*the answer is obvious*) questions here to highlight how some of the Galatians were distorting the gospel and turning it into something that was not good news at all. In what way were they twisting the good news?

What are some ways we tend to do the same thing?

1. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

God’s message to Paul is that God’s power is made perfect in weakness. So Paul declares that he is going to “*boast all the more gladly in his weakness that the power of Christ might rest on me*.” Can you describe a time when the power of Christ seemed to be upon you?

How might “*boasting in our weakness*” change the way we pray?