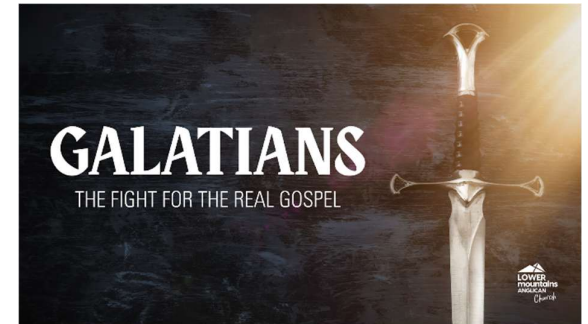


Our Prayer for 2026: Dear Father, Help us to gather to proclaim Christ, and please use every LMAP member to play a part in bringing 20 people to faith in Jesus in each of our ministries and congregations across the year. To your glory. AMEN.

Gospel Faith (Galatians) Series Break-up

Marketing Title of Series: Galatians – the Fight for the Real Gospel

Overview of the Series: Paul's letter to the Galatians is a rescue mission. A church once formed by the sheer grace of Christ is drifting back toward rule-keeping, people-pleasing, and spiritual performance. Into that confusion, Paul writes with urgency and clarity: there is only one gospel, and it is a gospel of grace, promise, and Spirit-given freedom.



Across this series, we follow Paul as he defends the non-negotiable gospel, reminding us that salvation is God's gift—not our achievement. We see that the gospel carries God's authority, not human approval, and that true Christian living flows from being united with Christ, not from rebuilding the old scaffolding of law-reliance. Through Abraham's story, Paul shows that God's people have always been shaped by promise, not performance, and that in Christ we are no longer slaves but beloved sons and heirs.

As the letter crescendos, Paul calls us to stand firm in the freedom Christ has won, to walk by the Spirit who empowers real transformation, and to boast only in the cross—the centre of our identity and the source of our life.

This series invites God's people at LMAP to return to the simplicity and power of the gospel: to rest in Christ's finished work, to reject every counterfeit that adds to or subtracts from grace, and to live as Spirit-filled children who reflect the freedom, confidence, and joy of belonging to Jesus.

Purpose of the Series: To anchor God's people at LMAP in the one true gospel of grace—calling them to reject a reliance on the law or tradition or culture and instead stand firm in their Spirit-given freedom and identity as God's children, and live confidently under Christ's authority, boasting only in His cross.

Series Champion (*Ministry Team point person to oversee this series*): Ken Noakes

The Purpose of this Document:

- To instruct the **Gathering Leader, Kids Spot Speaker, Band Leader, Song Chooser** and **Preacher** in shaping each church gathering as whole – so that we intentionally draw out what we are looking at in the Bible each week. It will also mean, that particular features which complement what we do as a church, are addressed.
- To assist **Growth Group Leaders** and **Friday Youth Leaders** (and other ministry leaders) to arrange their program most logically and effectively to work in with the Bible Talk Series. And further to point to resources which can be used to lead groups well.
- To help the **Gathering Planners** (i.e. those who organise the rosters), **AV Ministry Team, Social Media**, and **Office** to have the information that they need to do the roles that they do most fruitfully and efficiently.

Talk No.	Preachers <i>(note: Master is the Google Drive Version)</i>	Passage	Reading	Talk Title <i>(marketing friendly)</i>	Talk Topic/Focus/Purpose	Comment/Outline	Gathering Googly <i>(feature/consideration)</i>
1. 8 th Feb 2026 Commission Sunday	MR9: KDN MR9 Kids Spot: Commissioning GB9: PH GB9 Kids Spot: Commissioning GB10:30: KDN GB10.30 Kids Spot: Commissioning BL10:30: PH BL4:30: PH GB6: KDN	Galatians 1:1-9	OT: Genesis 3:1–15 NT: Galatians 1:1-9	The Non-Negotiable Gospel	Central Theme: The grace of the gospel is both wonderful and particular. Focus. Don't look away. <i>Purpose: I want the listener to understand the extraordinary, underserved, gift that is the gospel of Jesus Christ. And to see both the insanity and danger of adding to or subtracting from what it declares.</i>	Song Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Other Name Grace Unmeasured I Cannot Tell There is One Gospel Prayer Points to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMAP Leaders (Kids/Youth/Young Adults/Adults/Senior Adults) 	Mission Focus: Commissioning Leaders (including Julie Haddon and Josh Schroder) GB9am BBQ Breakfast
2. 15 th Feb 2026	MR9: NL MR9 Kids Spot: Playgroup Mission Profile GB9: KDN GB9 Kids Spot: Playgroup Mission Profile GB10:30: NL GB10.30 Kids Spot: GO BL10:30: KDN BL4:30: KDN GB6: NL	Galatians 1:10-2:10	OT: Genesis 12:1–9 NT: Galatians 1:10-2:10	Called by God. Confirmed in Christ	Central Theme: The true gospel carries God's authority, not human approval, and it unites all believers—Jew or Gentile—under the Lordship of Jesus Christ alone. <i>Purpose: To move believers to proclaim and live out the gospel with confidence, knowing that its authority and power come from God—not from human credentials, culture, or religious practices.</i>	Song Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We Believe There is One Gospel In Tenderness Build my Life Prayer Points to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup Opportunities and Leaders Timothy Chan and Trace Akankunda (both getting ordained in Armidale this Saturday coming) 	Mission Profile: LMAP Playgroup (MR/GB9am/GB10.30 > PH)
3.	MR9: DSw MR9 Kids Spot:	Galatians 2:11-21	OT: Genesis 4:1–16	When Rules Replace	Central Theme: To rebuild any form of law-reliance is to	Song Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All people on Earth Do 	Ezra Schroder's Dedication (GB9 >NL)

22 nd Feb 2026 CBM UWSyd Mission Sunday	GO GB9: PH GB9 Kids Spot: Ezra Schroder's Dedication GB10:30: DSw GB10.30 Kids Spot: Lord's Supper BL10:30: PH BL4:30: PH GB6: DSw		NT: Galatians 2:11-21	Relationship	deny the gospel; true Christian living flows from being crucified with Christ and depending entirely on His grace. <i>Purpose: To help LMAP members to not rely on their own goodness or religious habits, and instead live daily from the liberating truth that they have been crucified with Christ and now live together by faith in Him.</i>	Dwell <ul style="list-style-type: none">At the CrossChrist is EnoughGrace AloneIn Christ Alone Prayer Points to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Campus Bible Mission and Uni of Western SydneyEzra Schroder and Family (at GB9)	Lord's Supper (GB10.30 > DSw) Mission Profile: CBM @ UWSyd (BL4.30/GB6) > NA
4. 1 st March 2026	MR9: KDN MR9 Kids Spot: Myra R GB9: NA GB9 Kids Spot: Easter Launch GB10:30: KDN GB10.30 Kids Spot: GO BL10:30: NA BL4:30: NA GB6: KDN	Galatians 3:1-22	OT: Genesis 15:1–6 NT: Galatians 3:1-22	Promise, not Performance	Central Theme: Life with God comes by promise, not performance. God's people are formed, sustained, and saved by His promise received through faith in Christ—not by the law—and the Spirit is the living proof of that promise at work. <i>Purpose: To call God's people at LMAP back to the freedom of faith by reminding them that the Spirit— not the law—defines the Christian life. Grace shaped trumps law-based living.</i>	Song Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Yet not I but through Christ in meUndividedThe Power of the CrossHelp us See Christ Prayer Points to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Easter Opportunities	Lord's Supper (BL10.30 > DSw) Mission Spot: LMAP Easter Launch (All Gatherings > PH)
5. 8 th March 2026	MR9: Dave Catto MR9 Kids Spot: Hugh C GB9: NL	Galatians 3:23-4:31	OT: Genesis 21:1–21 NT: Galatians 3:23-4:31	Slavery to Sonship	Central Theme: God's people are no longer slaves under the law but full sons and heirs through His promise in Christ – don't look back!	At MR9, GB10.30, BL4.30 - It would be helpful to interview Dave Catto before he preaches – introduce him to the congregations. Help the congregations know who he is – so he is best placed to preach.	GB9am BBQ Breakfast

	GB9 Kids Spot: Tamara L GB10:30: Dave Catto GB10.30 Kids Spot: Tamara L BL10:30: NL BL4:30: Dave Catto GB6: NL				<i>Purpose: To persuade God's people at LMAP to live as Spirit-filled children and heirs—and to embrace the freedom, intimacy, and identity that come only through God's promise fulfilled in Christ.</i>	Song Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Deep the Father's Love for Us • Jerusalem • We are his People • Who am I Prayer Points to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women in Gospel Leadership – in our church and beyond • Pray for the upcoming LMAP AGM 	
6. 15 th March 2026 LMAP AGM Sunday	MR9: PH MR9 Kids Spot: Vincent W GB9: DSw GB9 Kids Spot: Lord's Supper GB10:30: PH GB10.30 Kids Spot: GO BL10:30: DSw BL4:30: PH GB6: DSw	Galatians 5:1-26	OT: Genesis 22:1–14 NT: Galatians 5:1-26	Freedom - from Flesh to Fruit	Central Theme: True freedom in Christ is not lawless living, but Spirit-led living that reshapes our desires and produces love. <i>Purpose: To help LMAP Members recognise the internal battle between flesh and Spirit, and understand why returning to law or indulging the flesh both enslave, whilst embracing the Spirit-empowered life that expresses itself in humble, relational love.</i>	Song Suggestion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build my Life • Holy Forever • Lift up your Heads • (Kids Song!) Practice being Godly • There is a Redeemer Prayer Points to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give thanks for our Parish Council who have served this past year • Pray for the LMAP AGM 	LMAP AGM is today Lord's Supper (GB9 > DSw)
7. 22 nd March 2026	MR9: NL MR9 Kids Spot: Lord's Supper GB9: KDN GB9 Kids Spot: Jarryd B GB10:30: NL GB10.30 Kids Spot: Jarryd B	Galatians 6:1-18	OT: Genesis 50:15–21 NT: Galatians 6:1-18	Living What You Sow	Central Theme: Life in Christ means living by the Spirit—restoring others, watching ourselves, and boasting only in the cross—as we look to the new creation. <i>Purpose: To urge LMAP Members to live out their true identity in Christ by caring for one another, sowing in the Spirit rather than the flesh, and</i>	Song Suggestion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Belong to the Day • Worthy • Who I Am • This Life I live • I will Glory in the Cross Prayer Points to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incoming LMAP Parish Council 	Lord's Supper (MR - DSw/BL4.30 - KDN/GB6 - DSw)

	BL10:30: KDN				<i>refusing the trap of comparison or self-reliance, so that our lives display the reality of the new creation.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter in the coming weeks 	
	BL4:30: KDN						
	GB6: NL						

Key: MR = LMAP Mt Riv; BL = LMAP Blaxland; GB = LMAP Glenbrook; KDN = Ken Noakes; DSw = Dave Swan; RC = Rachael Connor; Paul Hallam; NL = Nick Lindeback; JH = Julie Haddon; GO = Gail Oakey; NA = Neil Atwood; TO = Trevor Oakley; JLav = John Lavender; JSh = Josh Schroder; OB = Olivia Bush; JB = Jared Bartlett; JE = Jake Evans; GBH = Gary Haddon; AC = Andrew Cox; PC = Phil Coghlan; BCA = Bush Church Aid; MTC = Moore Theological College; CMS = Church Missionary Society; DLS = Daylight Savings; YA = Young Adults; MARS = Mountains Anglican Refugee Support; WSU = Western Sydney Uni AFES Group.

Gathering Leader & Preacher:

- Take special note of the suggestions in the 'Gathering Googly' column. This detail should be kept in mind as you lead or preach.
 - Gathering leaders, *if scheduled into the elvanto plan*, you will need to make arrangements to incorporate this aspect into the gathering.
- Please note there is a visual Powerpoint template which we would prefer that you used so that we have some consistency across what we display (and so that we avoid some traps e.g. colours that cannot be seen, text too small, fonts too difficult, text which covers set logos, livestream split screen requirements etc.). This template exists in the 'G_Ministry (Visuals for LMAP Gatherings > 1. Gathering Visuals > 2. Slide Library (Where to look...) > Bible Talk Series Visual Templates > [this Bible Talk series Folder] - and can be emailed to you on request (admin@lmap.org.au) .

Devotionals or Bible Study (for the benefit of Growth Group Leaders):

- Phillip Jensen & Kel Richards, *Free for All: Galatians*. St Matthias, 1994 (8 studies)
- Tim Keller, *Galatians: Gospel Matters*. Good Book Company (7 studies)

Commentary suggestions (for the benefit of Growth Group Leaders and Preachers):

- John Stott, *The Message of Galatians*. BST: IVP, 1992 (with Study Guide)
- Paul Barnett, *Galatians: Defending the Truth*. RBT: Aquila Press, 2012.
- R. Alan Cole, *Galatians*. Tyndale: IVP, 1989 (revised). Exegetical
- Todd Wilson, *Galatians. Gospel-Rooted Living*. PTW: Crossway, 2013. Good illustrations
- F.F. Bruce, *The Epistle to the Galatians*. NIGTC: Eerdmans, 1982. Detailed and Exegetical

In 2024 at CMS (NSW) Summer School, Ed Loane gave seven talks on Galatians – [go here to listen](#)

Song suggestions (for the benefit of Gathering Leaders & Song Choosers):

Band Leaders: Vincent Willard (MR9am); Michael Webb (BL10.30am); Jason Bryne (GB9am); Callum Beaton (BL4.30pm); Josh Schroder (GB6pm)

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