

## Discussion Guide for Colossians 2:6-8

### Part 3: Snakes in the Garden

#### 1. Read Colossians 2:6-8 and then briefly review the sermon outline.

(Outline review target time is five minutes or less.)

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear, or troubling?

**2. Truth:** There are snakes who want us to put our hope of acceptance by God in following rules instead of trusting in the grace of Christ alone.

#### Read Colossians 2:20-23

- The legalistic rule-based religion of Paul's day was Judaism. What forms of rule-based religion do we see today promising that, if we follow their rules, we will be acceptable to God?

- How does rule-based religion conflict with what you know about Christ and the gospel?

- What is wrong with religion that tries to use strict rules to overcome sin in 2:23?

#### Read Galatians 5:1-5

- How does Paul describe rule-based religion in 5:1?

- How have you felt or seen the effects of this "yoke of slavery"?

- How does slipping into rule-based religion attack to work of Christ?

- How does this make you appreciate the grace and freedom that we have in Christ?

- What are the shocking results of depending on rules to make yourself acceptable to God in 5:2-4?

- How does this passage affect the way that you share Christ with those trapped in rule-based religions?