

## **Lesson 1 Student Guide – *Introduction to Legalism***

**Lesson goal:** The goal of this class is to introduce yourself, introduce the class, and answer the basic question “How can God be both just and loving toward sinners like me?”

**Pre-Lesson Preparation:** Read Galatians 3:1-14.

### **Think**

What is legalism? How can God be both just and loving toward sinners like me?

### **Evaluate**

1. Who are the characters in the story?
2. What are the objects in the story?
3. Where did the story happen?
4. When did the story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What happened in the story?
7. Is the problem solved?

### **Learn**

8. What is the main theme of the lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in the lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in the lesson?

### **Lead**

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

### **Additional questions**

13. What are some different ways in which people might view God?  
(Exodus 34:5-7)

14. What is God really like? What are the two sides of God's attitude toward us?
15. How can God be both just and loving toward sinners such as us?
16. How might a legalistic church tempt its members to view God? What two types of members might legalistic churches produce?

**Lesson wrap-up**

17. How can God be both just and loving toward sinners such as me?