

Child of God

Sermon Based Life Group Notes for the week of October 3

Getting To Know Each Other

- Did you receive any physical characteristics from your father? Are you happy or sad about receiving them? Describe them.
- Have you ever inherited any items from a family member? What were they?

Into the Bible

Read Galatians 3:26-4:7

- If we all in Christ Jesus, through faith, what should be the effect on the church? V - 26
- As children, we are under the supervision of our parents or guardians. Paul compares this to the people in the Old Testament who were under the supervision of what?
- When did God choose to redeem us from the rule of the Law? Verse 4-5
- Why did God choose the Roman Era, when they ruled over Israel, as the right time and the right place to send Jesus? What was so special about that time and place?
- Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection makes us children of God. What did God do for us to solidify our relationship with Him? Verses 6-7
- Application: How close is your relationship with our Heavenly Father? Do you see him as your "abba" (your loving dad) or the angry King and Judge of the world?

Read Galatians 4:8-20

- Paul accused the Galatians of acting like the pagans they used to be. What did they put their trust in instead of Jesus? Verses 8-11
- Is there a difference when we celebrate Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter than what the Galatians were doing? Why or why not?
- Why is Paul so upset about how the Galatians are worshipping? What had they forgotten and what were they focusing upon in this passage?
- Application: Have you ever seen your relationship with Jesus change from your love for him to a love of following religious rules and traditions?
- Application: What bad habits try to come back into your life and pushes Jesus out?

Read Galatians 4:21-31

- What do you remember about Abraham's wife, Sarah, and her maid, Hagar? Share the story. Why did Abraham think having a baby through Hagar was God's will?
- Paul used Hagar to represent whom? And who does Sarah represent?
- How are we like Isaac, if we put our faith in Jesus alone? Verse 28
- How is verse 30 a stern warning to the Judiazers?
- Application: How have you fallen back into "slavery to sin" when you have tried to please God by being good?
- Application: How can you live out your "freedom" in Christ? What does that mean?