

3.8.20 - Galatians - Christian

Leader Prep Section

- Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a **few** questions that are best suited to your group.
- Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.
- When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

- What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
- Watch The Bible Project's short video on Galatians: <https://youtu.be/vmx4UjRFp0M>
- This passage talks about the differences between being bound to the Law and freedom in Christ. Share a time when you felt or were actually stuck (i.e. traffic, a job, wrestling hold, injured, in the dark, etc.). Spend time on the sensation of being stuck.

Background / Reading

Galatians 4:21-31

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

- Revisit and reread the story of Hagar and Ishmael. Genesis 16, and 21:8-20
- Compare and contrast what Paul writes about the Law and the Promise
- Paul uses many symbols in this passage. List them. Chart those that were laid out specifically in v. 24-26. It can be confusing without seeing them visually.
- Who does Paul compare the Galatian Christians to? Why does he do this?
- What is Paul's conclusion in v.31. Relate this back to the previous text and the previous conversations about the church in Galatia. What was happening to the Galatians that this statement may have been both encouragement and deep challenge?

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

- Is there a tradition within our denomination or a past belief that we or the church in America is zealous about that may be inhibiting our own growth? The growth of others in the church? The growth of others around us?
- What does it mean to be children of the promise? What is Paul saying it means to be children of the slave woman?
- We are surrounded by attempts to achieve holiness and salvation through our own efforts. What are some ways Christians do this?

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

- Contrast your feelings of being stuck from the "Hook" section, to the feelings and experiences of being freed.
- What belief, practice, etc may have had its place in your life at one time, but now may interfere with your freedom or the freedom of others?
- Picture some part of your day tomorrow (kids to school, meetings, soccer practice, exercise, etc). How does remembering the promise given to Abraham, reminded here by Paul, that we are free, change us? Does it change how we view these circumstances?

Pray