

3.1.20 - Galatians - Tim

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?
- Have you as a parent, grandparent, supervisor, or in the role of instructing others, been in a place of both love and correction with someone else? What were the circumstances? How did it go?

Background / Reading

Galatians 4:19-20 (additionally: 1 Thess. 2:7-8)

* Read all of Galatians Chapter 4 aloud... What language or verse moves you and why?

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

- What is Paul's tone to the Church in Galatia? Why does he want to change it?
- Paul uses very expressive language to describe the way he sees this church? Identify some of the strong words he uses?
- Paul equates himself to a woman in childbirth, why? And to what end? What images is he calling upon to make his point?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8. In both passages, the churches he is writing to take on the picture of "Child." Why do you think Paul does this?
- Where else do we see this metaphor of the love of a mother and the oft waywardness of a child?

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

- How does Paul's relationship with the church in Galatia, and specifically this passage, give us wisdom for communicating both care and challenge to those around us?
- Gender is a hot button issue in the world right now, how does this passage subvert the norms for Paul's time? And what implications might it have today?
- Paul is perplexed by the Galatians, but loves them. How do we communicate our concern to those around us with a spirit of Love and true care?

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

- How does Paul's deep care for the Galatians impact how we care for others in our sphere of influence? Family? Friends? Co-Workers? Children?
- What areas of our lives might perplex our Heavenly Father? His great love for us desires the best for us, but sometimes requires spiritual correction. What areas need this spiritual correction?
- Paul's uses an analogy and unique words to communicate. Think of new and culturally relevant ways to say "Classic" Christians phrases like: "God loves you," "Everyone sins," "God has a plan," or "Jesus saved me." How can we communicate God's great love and longing for us in fresh ways to those around us.

Pray