

Galatians—Part 6

Welcome to the group guide. This liturgy will serve as a guide for your time with your group.

Hang Out

- **Engage**

Ask questions like, how was your day? What did you have for dinner? Keep the heavier conversation for the larger group setting. Ask questions like, how was your day? What did you have for dinner?

- **Prayer**

As we jump into Group, let's dedicate this time to the Lord.

- **Connect**

Question of the day: "What's something that you're proud of that people generally don't know about you?"

"What is the story behind the time you went longest without sleep?"

Go Deeper Check In

Beyond songs and sermons, we invite followers of Jesus to Go Deeper by nurturing rhythms and practices of personally spending time with Him and enjoying His love. Use any of these questions to check in with your group members and encourage them.

- What did you enjoy the most about your devotion time this past week? What challenged you?
- Was there a moment when you felt God's love or delight this past week? Share what that was like if you're willing.
- What did you learn about yourself and the Holy Spirit this past week?
- How can we support or encourage you in your faithfulness over the next week?

Read the Passage

Galatians 3:27-4:11 NIV

"for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

4:1 What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave,

although he owns the whole estate. 2 The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. 3 So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. 4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. 6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? 10 You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! 11 I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.”

Engage - Discussion Questions

These questions are a guide for the conversation. Use one of these questions, or use all of them. Trust the flow of the conversation based on what the Holy Spirit is doing.

Interpretation Questions

Looking at Galatians 4:10, do you think it’s inherently wrong to observe special days, months, seasons and years? Do you think Paul is warning against the observance of those things itself, or is there a deeper message behind what he’s saying? Explain your perspective.

What does it mean to be God’s child and heir?

Reflection Questions

What does being God’s child and heir imply about who you are, what you’re responsible for, and what you’re capable of?

What privileges of being God’s child have you been experiencing or not experiencing?

What’s your perception of God like? Are there ways that you tend to perceive God that you sense may be inaccurate? Tell us about them.

In what ways have you been using religion to save yourself?

Application Question

How can you step into more of the privileges that come with being a child of God this week?

Pray

Ask each individual to either (1) share their prayer request or (2) type their prayer request in the chat of the zoom call in a 60-second window, then pray for the group.

End

Time: End Group around after an hour and 15 minutes. Atmosphere: Upbeat, celebratory.