

Study Questions:

Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

Key passage: Galatians 4:21-31

1. What questions did this week's message raise for you?
2. Read (aloud if you're willing) all of Galatians 4:21-31.
 - a) In what way is legalism tempting to the Galatians?
 - b) Is there a time in your life that "just following a set of rules" seems easier than discovering what true freedom is?
3. Read Isaiah 54:1. How did this prophecy lend support to Paul's argument about freedom and grace?
4. Read Genesis 21:10. What was Paul trying to communicate by using this illustration? What does this mean for your life today?
5. How would your life be different if you fully understood God's grace and love for you? Would it change the way you approach each day?
6. In what way have you settled for mediocrity in your life? Be honest and examine yourself.
7. What can you do today to take the next step toward a life of promise, as God wants for you?
8. Is there something you feel you could be doing to make a positive difference in your church, community, world? If so, do you sense God's Grace and Freedom to be able to do it?



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Grace and Truth

Grace, part 2

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Galatians 4:21-31

²¹Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. ²³His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise.

²⁴These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.

²⁶But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.

²⁷For it is written: "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband." (Isaiah 54:1)

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

²⁹At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.

³⁰But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son."

³¹Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

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