



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Galatians 4:1-16

(Memory Verse)

Galatians 4:6-7 NKJV - *And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"* **7** *Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

(Galatians 4:1-3): **1** Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, **2** but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. **3** Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

Question: What does it mean to be in bondage to the natural elements of the world?

Question: What does it mean to be an heir?

(Galatians 4:4-5): **4** But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Question: What did we need redemption from, and how did Jesus provide it?

Question: What are the legal implications of adoption, and what rights do the adopted children possess?

Question: What is the difference between being under the Law, and under grace?

(Galatians 4:6-7): **6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" **7** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Question: If we are children of God; what does it mean to be an heir through Christ?

Question: What do we stand to inherit as a son, or daughter of the Heavenly Father?

(Galatians 4:8-11): **8** But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. **9** But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? **10** You observe days and months and seasons and years. **11** I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

Question: What does it mean to be a carnal Christian?

Question: What does it mean to be a legalistic Christian?

Question: What does it mean to be a liberal Christian?

Question: How are all the above mentioned versions of a Christian a very dangerous place to be?

(Galatians 4:12-15): **12** Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you. You have not injured me at all. **13** You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first. **14** And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. **15** What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

Question: What does it mean to be an example of Jesus?

Question: How do you most effectively reach people with the Gospel?

Question: How does the Lord turn trials, and difficulties into opportunities for the Gospel to be preached?

Question: What was the physical infirmity that many biblical scholars believe inflicted Paul?

(Galatians 4:16): **16** Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

Question: How does truth polarize people?

Question: How are we to communicate the truth to others when we know they're not going to like it? **(Read Ephesian 4:15)**