



**HOUSE** GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Galatians 4:17-31

**(Memory Verse)**

**Galatians 4:18** NKJV - *But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.*

**(Galatians 4:17):** **17** They [Jews] zealously court you, but for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them.

**Question:** How does social elitism negatively affect the Church?

**Question:** What are things that we can do to make more people feel “a part”, and included at VISION City Church?

**Question:** What suggestions do you have for preventing, and if necessary removing the feeling of *clicks* in the church?

**(Galatians 4:18-20):** **18** But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you. **19** My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, **20** I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.

**Question:** What are the things that Paul is having doubts about with the Galatian Christians?

**(Galatians 4:21-26):** **21** Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? **22** For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman [Ishmael], the other by a freewoman [Isaac]. **23** But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, **24** which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar **25** for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children **26** but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

**Question:** Which son of Abraham represents the works of the flesh, and which son represents the promise of God?

**Question:** What are some of the differences between the works of the flesh, and the work of the Spirit?

**Question:** How does legalism lead to slavery, and bondage?

**Question:** What pushes us to attempt to do something in the flesh, when it can only be accomplished through the Holy Spirit?

**(Galatians 4:27-28):** **27** For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband." **28** Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

**Question:** Why do you think it is that there are more people trying to earn their way to heaven than those who are of the promise of salvation through faith in Jesus?

**(Galatians 4:29-31):** **29** But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. **30** Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." **31** - So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

**Question:** What's the term used to describe those that *add* to what God's Word says?

**Question:** What's the term used to describe those that *take away* from what God's Word says?

**Question:** How can legalism lead to the persecution of Christians following what the Bible says?

**Question:** How does being free from legalism free us up to follow Jesus?

**Question:** Do you choose to attempt to work your way to heaven through legalism, or by faith be empowered to live a victorious, Christian life?

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