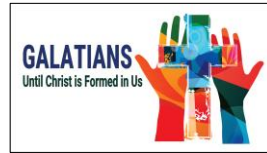


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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- What stories, if any, have you heard about your birth?
- Read Galatians 4:21-31. If you had the chance today, what questions would you ask Paul about this text?
- What did it mean for the Galatians to want to be “under the law”? Why would they desire this? How do people today seek to be “under the law” too?
- Read Genesis 16:1-6; 21:1-13. What circumstances surround Isaac’s birth that are not part of Ishmael’s? What are the relationships like in this family? Where is God working?
- To what parts of the Hagar and Sarah narrative does Paul give an allegorical application? (*You may wish to make a chart with a column each for Hagar and Sarah.*)
- How are the Gentile Christians the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy which Paul quotes (v. 27; cf. Isa. 54:1)? How is this the result of Christ’s work as the Suffering Servant (Isa. 52:13-53:12)?
- What does Paul imply the Galatians should do with those who persecute them? What is an appropriate application of this today?
- Hearing the declaration “you are children of promise,” born not into slavery but freedom, what stirs in you? How does that affect your self-understanding?
- What helps or hinders you living as a child of God’s promise? What is something you can do this week to live less “under the law” and more in freedom in Christ? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.