



Week #7 of Galatians: A Gospel of Grace

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Coming Together

- When you were in elementary school, what were you known for? What are you best known for now?
- What bad habit is hard for you to break? Why do you think it is so difficult?

Growing in Our Understanding

- Read Galatians 4:1-3. What were the Galatian Christians doing to put themselves back into slavery?
- According to Galatians 4:5-7, what are some of the benefits of being adopted in the family of God? What do you give up? What do you get?
- According to Galatians 4:8-9, the Galatians were guilty of “turning back to weak and miserable forces.” Why do you think they were tempted live under the inferior principles again? What made it easier to live under the law rather than grace?
- What is unique about the way Paul uses the word “sonship” in Galatians 4:5?
- Take a look at Colossians 2:8-10. What is Paul’s caution here the church in Colossae? How is similar to his concerns for the Galatians in Galatians 4:3?

Unwrapping and Applying God’s Principles

- What are some of the “weak and miserable forces” (Gal. 4:15) that people are passionate about today? When it comes to principles that people live by, do you see much of any difference between people who go to church and those that do not? What are the notable differences?
- Paul wrote to the churches in Galatia and inquired about the absence of their joy (Gal. 4:10)? What steps can you take today to increase the joy in your life? How do these verses help us restore our joy?
 - Psalm 51:12
 - Psalm 16:11
 - Ecclesiastes 2:26
 - Galatians 5:22, 25

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- What is your favorite image of or favorite way to address God? Why is this image of God so important to you?
- What is the status of your joy right now? What has contributed to this the most?

Looking Ahead

Read Galatians 4:19-31. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. What is the critical question Paul asks in verse 21? How does try to influence the Galatians’ answer?

