

## GALATIANS 4

# Chi Alpha Lifegroup Guide Galatians

### LESSON PREP

Read Enduring word commentary for extra help.

### PRE LG TEXT MESSAGE QUESTIONS

Tonight we will talk about something exciting, our adoption! Say what? Come see what that is all about tonight at life-group.

### SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Galatians 4:6-7

### 10N1 FOLLOW UP

Talk through the differences between Paul's ministry and the ministry of the others (see vs 12-20). How were they different? What can you learn from Paul?

### INTRODUCTION

- What are your thoughts on adoption?
- How would it feel to be adopted by God?

### Galatians 4:1-11

*In these verses Paul is contrasting the difference between people who are adopted by God and who are slaves to "weak and miserable forces". The Galatian churches seem to know the gift of Christ but are acting like they want to give it back to God so they can earn it. But God's gift cannot be earned; it is received by grace and grace alone. As a group, pause at v5,6... we received "adoption to sonship" by works of Christ and received the Spirit who cries out "Abba, Father". Let's break that down a little:*

*We have so much privilege in this adoption- intimacy of relationship with the Father, authority over possessions, God now treats us as if we have done everything Jesus has done (what grace poured out!) , and so much more!*

*Abba – it's a baby talk word for "Daddy", it signifies a confidence of love, assurance, security, overwhelming certainty that God loves us endlessly.*

- What is the difference between someone who is a servant and someone who is a son?
- How does this contrast help us to understand that we are justified by Christ's work?
- Describe what it means and feels like to experience the freedom and joy of salvation.

### Galatians 4:12-20

*Paul asks the churches in v16 "have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?"*

- What prevents you from receiving loving correction from a brother or sister in Christ?
- How can you let Christ grow this area in your heart?

*In v17-20 we see Paul pleading with the churches in Galatia to once again have zeal for God, he fights for them. He even calls them his "dear children".*

- If you could rank your zeal for God (on a scale from 1-10) what would it be? Why? Where would you like it to be? What step(s) can you take to get there?
- How do these verses inspire you to fight for others' zeal for Christ?

### Galatians 4:21-31

*In the example of Abraham's two sons in vs 21-23, Abraham had his first son because of impatience and mistrust in God. The second son, from his wife, was promised. This promised son, Isaac, seemed impossible because of their old age; Abraham and Sarah had to rely on and trust in God. It seemed though that God was not getting the job done for a long time, so Abraham took matters into his own hands and placed trust in his own efforts by sleeping with his servant. Even though Abraham was foolish and placed trust in his own efforts, God fulfilled his promise to Abraham because God does not fail, God is trustworthy, and his promise is unchanging.*

- What area of your life do you feel you have placed trust in yourself instead of God? Why do you think that has happened?
- How do we put ourselves back in bondage of the law in today's world?
- How has Christ freed us from bondage of the law?

### APPLICATION

Have the group be in prayer through the week of who they can invite to life group for next week. Let's be zealous for Christ and his work! Amen!

