

## Deep Roots| Galatians 4:1-20 May 4th and 5th, 2024

### My Story Questions

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion.*

- 1) What birth order are you in your sibling group and how has that impacted you?
- 2) What has been your experience with the world of adoption?

### Study Questions

*Complete these questions for your own personal preparation to lead, but choose only some to discuss.*

**Big Idea:** Living Gospel-centered is rooted in our identity in Christ.

**Warm up:** As a group, describe aspects of our new identity in Christ.

**Read Galatians 4:1-7 Principle #1- We are identified as “sons of God” by Jesus who is the Son of God.**

- 1) Before Christ, God's people were imprisoned by lies of the world. What does that look like for people today?
- 2) Jesus is the firstborn Son and puts his Spirit in our hearts so we can also experience sonship. What did our adoption cost? Is everyone a child of God? (John 1:9-13)
- 3) What does it mean to be adopted as a “son of God”? What are the rights and responsibilities?
- 4) How comfortable are you with the image of God as a father figure? How does your earthly father impact how you see your heavenly father?
- 5) What kind of intimacy is indicated by “Abba! Father”? Why is it important that it is the “Spirit of Jesus” who cries out? How does this intimacy affect your prayer life?

**Read Galatians 4:8-20 Principle #2 - As “sons of God” we know God and are known by God.**

- 6) What truth were the Galatians trading for a lie? How would that make them a slave again rather than a son?
- 7) What old ways of life are you tempted to return to? How does knowing our identity in Christ help us stand firm?
- 8) Paul explains that adoption as a son enables us to *know God* and to *be known by God*. How are both important to you? Which is easier for you to relate to?
- 9) In what ways had the Galatians shown love and support for Paul in the past? Why has he now become like an enemy? (Vs 16)
- 10) Have you ever been rejected by close family or friends for confronting wrong thinking? Is there a relationship where you need to take that risk? (Ephesians 4:15-16)
- 11) How does *knowing* your identity in Christ help you *live* your identity where you work or play?
- 12) Are there any questions in the *Live It Out* that helped you live more Gospel-centered? Will you share your experience?

### Responding to Jesus

*Offer one of these for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.*

- 1) Jesus, “Where am I trading truth for a lie regarding my identity in you?”
- 2) Jesus, “Where can I connect by status as a son to my daily life?”