



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Galatians Week 9: No Longer Slaves
May 30 & June 2, 2024

LEADER NOTES: Summer trimester: June 3–July 28; **Fall trimester:** 8/19–12/8. **New Leader Trainings:** 8/11/24 at every campus, 8/19 via Zoom.

New Episode: *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less*: Season 2, Episode 3: How to set expectations for your group and handle difficult situations. Listen on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#):

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW: School Supply Drive, June 3 – 30, Drop off at Hope’s Closet locations and E22 Kids lobbies: Support foster care families and disadvantaged children by donating lined notebook paper (wide rule or college rule), number 2 pre-sharpened pencils, white copy paper and new or gently used backpacks and lunchboxes for children in pre-k through high school.

Summer Serve Opportunities: Share the hope of the gospel in the Jacksonville area. There are countless opportunities for you and your family to serve alongside our ministry partners in the city or from the comfort of your home. Click coe22.com/localmission to learn more and signup to serve.

Serve with the Disciple Groups team: We’re looking for people with administration, computer and/or video editing skills. Contact gregory.knapp@coe22.com.

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THIS WEEK’S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Sermon Text: *Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-7; 1 Timothy 1:10*

Discussion Questions

There is no pressure to get through all the questions; prayerfully plan your choices for your group.

- **Read *Galatians 4:1-7*. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?**
- **Discover:** What does it mean to be redeemed by Jesus and adopted by God? *(To redeem something means to buy it back, to restore it. Jesus paid the full price to buy us back—to redeem us—from condemnation to sin. He offered it to us freely, but it wasn't free. It cost him everything. Therefore, if you're in Christ, you are redeemed and adopted as God's children and rightful heirs to His Kingdom. Tim Keller said, "Jesus' salvation is not only like receiving a pardon and release from death row and prison. Then we'd be free, but on our own, left to make our own way in the world, thrown back on our own efforts if we're to make anything of ourselves. But in the Gospel, we discover that Jesus has taken us off death row and then hung around our neck the Congressional Medal of Honor. We are received and welcomed as heroes, as if we had accomplished extraordinary deeds.")*
Deepen: Use Pastor Joby's ham coupon analogy or an analogy of your own to share the Gospel with your group as if you're talking to an unbeliever.
- **If you're in Christ, what are the reasons God cannot be dissatisfied or disappointed in you? What about that is hard for you to believe?**
- **Pastor Joby explained that "slave" in this scripture is better translated to "bondservant." They were willingly paying off a debt by serving their master. It was more of an employee/employer relationship. See 1 Timothy 1:10 on how the Bible is against slavery as we know it.**
Discover: In what ways do you act like a bondservant who is afraid of God and in what ways do you act like His son/child/heir who is assured of the Father's love? *(In context, "son" means both sons and daughters are heirs. What Jesus does through the cross and resurrection is to legally, actually and objectively adopt you into God's family.)*
- **Deepen:** The Bible says we are God's children. Jesus calls us friends. What can you do so your identity is set firmly as a child of The King?
- **A.W. Tozer said the answer to this question is the most important thing about you: What do you think about when you think about God?**
- **Share all the ways you see God as a good Father and the ways the Bible describes him as a good Father:** *(God as father is mentioned 189 times in the Bible. See Psalm 103:13; Luke 15:20-24; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:18; 1 John 3:1 for some examples. God is talked about in the Bible as being close, a provider and a protector. You can cast all your cares upon him and call out to him when you need help or are lost. He disciplines out of love and sings and dances over His children. You may want to reflect on how your relationship with your imperfect, earthly father affects your view of God the father.)*
- **Not only are we redeemed by Jesus, but we are also adopted as his children.**
Discover: What does it cost in our culture to adopt someone and what did it cost God to adopt you? *(Adoption costs a lot of money, time and sacrifice. It includes a legal transaction that includes a change of name, family status and rights to inheritance. For God to adopt you, He paid with the life of His only Son.)*
Deepen: If anyone in the group has been adopted as a child or has adopted children, please share what it was like growing up in an adoptive or adopting family. How does that experience help you better understand *Galatians 4:5-7*?

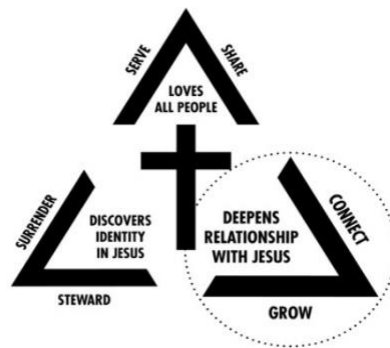
ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus

Memorize *Galatians 4:6-7*. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Ask someone to share it at group next week.

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