



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Galatians Week 10: Perplexed
June 6 & 9, 2024

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

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:

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, 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 sign up to serve.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

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

The Point: Why are you turning to your old ways of works-based religion when Jesus has set you free?

Sermon Text: *Luke 15:11-32; John 5:1-9, 11:38-44; Romans 8:29; Galatians 4:8-20*

Discussion Questions

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

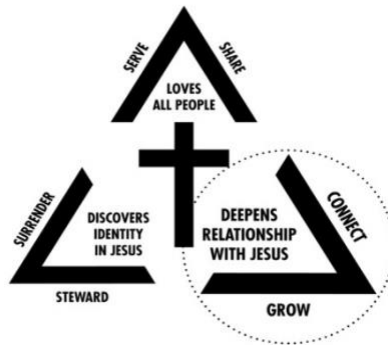
- **Read *Galatians 4:8-20*. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?**
- **Have someone share the memory verse from last week's action step.**
- **Galatians 4:8-9 speaks about being enslaved to "little g" gods. Share modern day examples of the pride of life, lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes. See *1 John 2:16*. (All of us have been enslaved by at least one of these. Lust of flesh is chasing a feeling. Lust of the eyes is chasing stuff. Pride of life is chasing the approval of others or status. Even religion and legalism are just the pride of life in a robe.)**
- **Discover:** Share with the group how Christ has set you free from bondage. What were you enslaved to before you knew Jesus? (LEADERS: You may need to prompt someone to think of this as a 30-second testimony if your group is quiet.)
Deepen: What are the "default settings" that you return to when things aren't going well? What slavery are you tempted to return to? (It may be chasing a feeling, a person, a bottle, pill, an unhealthy way of thinking, control, anger, victimhood or martyrdom. The trick of the enemy is to try and convince you to go back to the "good old days," but THESE are the "good old days" because you know God and you are known by God!).
- **Discover:** Paul was perplexed because the Galatians turned away from the true freedom and salvation from knowing and believing in Jesus and turned back to legalism (believing salvation comes through their work of following religious rules.) Legalism is another form of slavery that only has two outcomes: exhaustion and despair or pride and judgment. Which extreme of legalism do you tend to drift to and how does it play out in your thoughts and actions?
Deepen: How can we turn to Jesus and support each other to avoid turning to works and legalism?
- **What makes it hard for you to believe you are truly free in Christ? How can the Gospel help you believe?** (The freedom of being a child of God leads to peace, belonging, and acceptance. It helps deliver us from the temptations of this world. It's not about your performance, it's how God sees you. If you are in Christ, God sees you as his child. Remember Pastor Joby's story about his daughter.)
- **Discover:** Read *John 11:38-44*. What are some grave clothes (identities, sins or burdens) you need to remove to fully embrace your new life in Christ? (If you are in Jesus, you can take off the grave clothes of addictions, religious baggage, judgement, sins of the flesh, complacency and more. Be Free!)
Deepen: Lazarus was not able to take the death clothes off by himself, he needed help. How can you rely on the love of Jesus and your Christian community to take off the grave clothes and walk in freedom today? (Leaders, ask your group members to pair up with someone and schedule a time this week to connect and help each other with this. Additional resources to help your group walk in freedom can be found at coe22.com/care/.)

ACTION STEP

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

Reflect on Galatians 4:9, on knowing God and being known by Him. Pray that God would reveal to you how this truth can impact your daily life and decisions. Write down what the Holy Spirit tells you and then do what He says.

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