

Argyle LifeGroup Discussion
"Free", part 8, Galatians 4:19-31

Read Galatians 4:19-31 in the NIV
Pray

1. Read Galatians 4:19

Paul wants to lead them into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and he wants it for them so badly that it is causing him to experience great pain. That's how much he loves them. That's how much he wants them to be free.
Discuss.

2. How is childbirth an illustration of a growing relationship with Jesus?

3. Read Galatians 4:20

Discuss the importance of "tone".

4. Read John 1:14

When grace and truth is spoken in love, there is a great opportunity for those words to change a heart from the inside out.
Discuss.

5. Read Galatians 4:21

In other words,

"Since you insist on living under the law, and ignoring grace, are you willing to do what the law actually says?"

Discuss.

6. Paul begins to use a familiar story in Genesis to teach about the Christians relationship to the law of Moses.

Discuss.

7. The birth of Ishmael is symbolic of "man's way of doing things, the way of the flesh" The way of the religious and self-righteous. Those who try to earn their own salvation. The way of legalism.

Discuss.

8. The birth of Isaac is symbolic of "God's way of doing things, the way of the promise"

The way of faith and trust in God. Those who come to God by faith in Jesus Christ.

The way of grace.

Discuss

9. Abraham and Sarah refused to wait on God and trust in His promise.

Our choices have consequences. Not only for ourselves, but sometimes for a lot of other people, too.