



Galatians 4:1-7

INTRODUCTION

Paul quotes for us a glorious Christmas Carol as we learn the Son became a slave, so that we who are slaves might become sons.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?-
- What is your overall impression of Jesus in this passage?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Galatians 4:1-7**
- What does Paul mean by the fulness of time?
- How does this passage teach the pre-existence of Jesus?
- What does it mean to be under the law?
- How does each person of the Trinity act in our salvation according to this passage?

APPLICATION

- What does the timing of Christ's coming teach you about God's providence in the world and in redemption? Did Jesus come at just the right time? Explain.
- What harm comes from ignoring our adoption and just focusing on our redemption?
- How should the doctrine of adoption impact the way we view others in the church? Do you think most people in your church view the church as a family, an event, or a building? Why?
- How do you experience Spirit's ministry explained in v6?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?