

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

GOSPEL MINISTRY
Galatians 4:12-31

Main Thought: In Galatians 4:12-31, we discover some important components of gospel ministry.

1. GOSPEL MINISTRY IS _____. (v 12)
2. GOSPEL MINISTRY IS CULTURALLY _____. (v 12)
3. GOSPEL MINISTRY LOOKS FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN _____. (vv 13-14)
4. GOSPEL MINISTRY SPEAKS THE _____ IN _____. (vv 15-16)
5. GOSPEL MINISTRY DEVELOPS PEOPLE WHO _____ CHRIST. (vv 17-20)
6. GOSPEL MINISTRY TEACHES SALVATION BY _____ THROUGH _____ IN JESUS CHRIST. (vv 21-31)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Galatians 4:12-20.

2. What do you notice about Paul's tone and approach in these verses as opposed to the previous part of Galatians? Why do you think he changes his tone and approach here?

3. How did Paul become like them? (See 1 Cor. 9:19-23)

4. How should the Galatians become like Paul? (See Phil. 3:4-9) Would you be comfortable telling others to become like you as you follow Christ? Why or why not? What might need to change in your life?

5. What do we learn about how Paul wound up preaching the gospel in Galatia? How did the Galatians receive him? Do we have any clues as to what Paul's illness was?

6. Paul speaks the truth in love to the Galatians. What was that truth? What is involved in speaking the truth in love to someone? What kind of reactions can we expect when we speak the truth in love? Can you think of an occasion where you spoke the truth in love to someone? How did it go?

7. What was the goal of the false teachers? Who did they want to glorify?

8. Who does Paul want them to be zealous for and to glorify?

9. Paul pictures his discipleship of the Galatians like being in the pains of childbirth. How is developing followers of Jesus like the pains of childbirth?

10. Why is Paul perplexed about the Galatian believers? Have you ever been perplexed about the growth of other believers you are ministering to? Has anyone ever been perplexed over you?

11. Read Galatians 4:21-31.

12. What stories from the Old Testament does Paul bring up? What is his point in bringing up these stories? How does he use the birth of Ishmael and the birth of Isaac figuratively?

13. How will you obey the truths in these passages in your life?