

Galatians 4:8-20
No Turning Back
Truth: We live in the “better” with our adopted family

Read Galatians 4:8-20

Consider the following questions:

What stuck out to you?

Were there any questions raised in this text as you read it? Were there any questions rolling around in your mind as Anthony walked through it Sunday morning? (Engage with the text here. God has something for us all.)

How do you see Jesus more clearly in or through this passage?

What might the Holy Spirit be leading you to address, change, think about, a place to go, something specifically to do?

We talked a good deal about how Paul was expressing a loving heart's desire for the Galatians not to go back. In calling them not to go back, it kind of feels harsh sometimes when you read it. But sometimes the thing you want to hear the least is the thing you need to hear the most.

Let's be honest, we've all been in a position where there are things that tug at us that kind of lead our hearts to want to stay entangled in some sinful flesh pattern or go back to one. It's really what lives us in bondage. That may be the case for you right now. Talk with your group:

Where is it that God has taken you from and where is it that your flesh wants to take you back sometimes? Be specific. (Don't miss this opportunity to be real with your group)

One of the ways we live in the “better” life that God has brought us into through Jesus, is by not going back to that which he has taken us from. We know that isn't always easy. Because God has brought us into his family making us heirs and adopted sons of God, we not only have a great Daddy, we also have new brothers and sisters in Christ. That means, we don't walk alone. When our flesh tells us to go back, we have brothers and sisters who can speak the truth into our lives and say the thing we need to hear the most.

Anthony talked about Aaron and Hur coming alongside of Moses when he needed them the most. Do you have these brothers and sisters who can come and lift up your arms when you can't? Are you a brother or sister who is willing to say, I'm not letting you go back. I'm right here with you until Christ is formed in you.

What will it look like when Christ is formed in us? Personally and in community?