

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Galatians 4:8-20

Labor and Delivery

Getting Started

Describe a time when God gave you an unexpected opportunity to share the gospel.

Digging In

1. **Read Gal 4:8-11.** In what sense were the Galatians slaves when they did not know God?
2. What do you think is the significance of Paul's statement in v. 9, *or rather are known by God?* (cf. John 10:14)
3. The Galatians were *observing special days and months and seasons and years* (v. 10). How was this an instance of *turning back to those weak and miserable principles?* (v. 9)
4. **Read Gal 4:12-17.** How did God direct Paul to preach the gospel to the Galatians?
5. How had the Galatians first received Paul? (14-15)
6. How had their attitude changed? (16)
7. **Read Gal 4:17-20.** By *those people*, Paul is referring to the Judaizers in Galatia. What were the Judaizers trying to do? Why?
8. Is zeal good or bad? Explain.
9. How about your own zeal? Is it propelled by a *good purpose?*
10. How is Paul's concern for the Galatians expressed in vv. 19-20?
11. Why was Paul so perplexed about them? What was the goal of his ministry among the Galatians?



Getting Personal

- Are there any ways in which you're relying on your religious performance to earn God's favor – to give you the assurance that you're pleasing to him?
- Complete the following sentence. I'm confident I can enjoy the Lord and experience his pleasure today because
- What does it look like for Christ to be formed in us? (v. 19)
- How do you think this happens? Name several ways if you can.