SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of October 31, November 1, 2020

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Galatians 4:1-7

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Summary

In our passage today, Pastor Amel highlights the fact that in the gospel, God is not only the judge who pardons you, but He's also the Father who receives you. The gospel does not only include the deliverance and freedom you find in God's courts but you also experience relationship and love in God's family. By including adoption with justification as an argument against the false teachers, Paul essentially crushes the false gospel that says you have to live like a slave again in order to be a part of God's family.

Discussion Questions

1. In our passage today, Paul likens a small child, even though he is an heir, to that of a slave because he/she is under the guardianship/management of someone else. Think back to your past, before you were a Christian. How did your life resemble that of a slave? Who were a slave to? (see John 8:34)

2. How do things like money, luxury, pornography, health and politics enslave people?

3. How did God use the "elementary principles of the world", characterized by the things listed in question #2 as well as worldliness, paganism, and the demonic, to prepare you for God's family?

4. Do you ever think about yourself as an heir of God? If not, why not? What does it mean to you personally, that you are an heir of God? How should this impact your life?

5. In Galatians 4:6, we read, "*And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'*" What does this tell you about God's desire for you to know that you are His? Why do you think He wants you to know this?