

Argyle LifeGroup Discussion  
"Free", part 7, Galatians 4:1-18

Read Galatians 4:1-18 in the NIV  
Pray

1. Sometimes we as Christians stay too close "to the gettin' in place."  
We become a Christian by grace through faith in Jesus, but then we just stay there.  
What is the danger in doing that?
2. Spiritual growth has some cheap shortcuts. One of them is legalism. Keeping the law and your list of do's and don'ts can make you appear to be spiritual and for many people that's really all they care about anyway is how they appear. Discuss.
3. Galatians 4:3 (NIV)  
Before we became Christians by grace through faith in Jesus, we also were in slavery.  
The "elemental spiritual forces of the world" refers to the religious stuff we do, the rituals of human religion. Discuss.
4. Are we supposed to serve God, give to God and obey God? Yes! But not out of guilt or obligation. Not because we are trying to get something in return. But we serve and we give and we obey from a heart overflowing with thankfulness and love.  
We serve, give, love, forgive and live our life for God not to become a Christian, but because we are a Christian. You say, "What's the difference?" God knows your heart.  
You can fake out everyone but you're not faking out God. Discuss
5. Read Galatians 4:4 (NIV)  
Just like every other Jew, Jesus was born under the law.  
Like every other Jew, He was required to obey the law and He would be judged by the law.  
But unlike any other Jew, Jesus lived in perfect obedience to the law.  
Why is that important?
6. Read Galatians 4:5 (NIV)  
Adoption is when a parent gives the complete status of a son or daughter to someone who is not their natural child.  
Pastor Rick said "Adoption may be the most beautiful word in the English language."  
Discuss
7. Read Galatians 4:6 (NIV)  
Are you close enough with God to call Him "daddy"?
8. Read Galatians 4:13-15 (NIV)  
Paul suffered from a serious health problem Many believe it was a problem with his eyes.  
Scripture says that he prayer 3 times to be healed but he was not healed. When you pray, always ask for God's will to be done and then trust in Him to know what's best.