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Study Questions
Who's Your Mother?

Free Indeed: A Study in the Epistle of Galatians
Galatians 4:21-31

Opening Discussion

1. Review some of the main points from 1:1-4:20. If you missed the video review from last weekend you can access that on the website.

2. What category of people do you believe are the hardest to reach with the message of the Gospel of grace? Why?

Bible Study

1. Read Genesis 16:1-6; 21:1-13 as the background for this study in Galatians. Then read Galatians 4:21-31.

2. What does Paul say to those who are determined to hang on to their legalism in 4:21? Is it possible to have a lot of Bible knowledge yet totally miss the core message?

3. Outline Paul's allegory in this text. What defines both mothers and what do both represent?

4. How is this a picture of the flesh and Spirit or performance and promise? How do you see this playing out in our culture today? Does one way make more sense to the average person than the other way? Why is this?

5. What does Paul state in 4:29? What do you suppose he meant by that statement? What should we expect if we celebrate grace and freedom? Who can we expect to attack us?

6. What is the "great reversal" of 4:30? Who did the Jewish legalists think was "cast out" and who was cast out in reality? How might this "great reversal" happen today?

Application

1. Is it possible to have lots of Bible knowledge and still not understand the core message? How then do we go about making sure we are not like that?

2. What should we expect from the legalists if we celebrate and live in the freedom of grace? How might this manifest itself in our lives? How do we avoid giving in to the legalists?

3. What are some practical things we can do to help highly religious, good moral people realize their need for a Savior? How do we get them "lost" so they see the need to be "saved?"

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