

## **Bible Summary**

Galatians 4:1-11

Re-enslaved

Galatians is the Magna Carta of freedom for believers. It is like a class 5 hurricane that is intended to break down walls of separation and captivity. In chapter 4 Paul warns that we can rebuild those walls and enslave ourselves to demonic powers. The route to re-enslavement is surprising. It is not black magic or witchcraft but days, seasons, and months (v. 10). It is the demonic lie that we can make ourselves righteous before God by the performance principle--the idea that Jesus is a good starting point but now it is up to our church attendance to be acceptable to God. In fact, believers need to continually go back to the well of living water and abide in Christ as our righteousness.

Scriptures: Galatians 4:1-11; Genesis 1:1; Romans 14:1-5; Matthew 8:1-4

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Is there any value in observing religious rituals even if it's with the wrong motive? Why or why not?
3. How does a person then move from the wrong motive to the right one?
4. Let's take a moment to determine our own motives.
  - a. Why do you go to church?
  - b. Why are you here at community group?
  - c. What do you hope to gain by doing these things?
5. What are the pitfalls of focusing primarily on doing good, avoiding sin, and upholding doctrine?
6. What is it in us that drives us toward correctness and not connectedness, formulas and not family?
7. What does it mean to you to abide in Christ? (John 15:4-6)
8. How can we continue growing in our relationship with the Lord? How do we stay in love with Him?