

## Study Questions - Promise Centred - Galatians 3.26-4.31

*There are some big themes in this section of Galatians. Rather than work through all the questions might prefer to take one or two sets of questions to explore as a group.*

### INTRODUCTION

- 1) Are you hoarder or a thrower? How do you respond to 'decluttering'?

Why do you think the church in Galatia was so intent on adding extras (keeping laws, regulations, Jewish customs, etc) to their core faith in Jesus? In your experience of church, what have been the 'unnecessary' extras that have been added to faith?

### GALATIANS 3.26-4.7

- 2) Reading 3.26-4.7, which verses stand out for you and why?

How do you experience being the adopted sons and daughters of God?

Do you think being a son or daughter of God is the truest identity anyone can have? What does it mean to you to be able to call God 'Abba Father' like Jesus did (see Mark 14.35-36)?

In which areas of life do you struggle to remember that you are 'clothed with Christ' (3.27)?

### GALATIANS 4.8-20

- 3) Paul tells the Galatians that they 'know God' (verse 9) and then clarifies himself 'or rather are known by God' – what's the difference? How does this clarification help with our appreciation of faith and grace in this context?

Paul asks the Galatians 'what has happened to all your joy?' (4.15). How do you think they would have answered this question?

How do you define Christian 'joy'? How do joy and grace relate?

### GALATIANS 4.21-31

- 4) The story of Hagar and Sarah is a dark episode in the Abraham narrative and a devastating reminder of what happens when people don't rely on faith. If necessary, remind yourselves of the story (Genesis chapters 16 and 21).

Abraham decided to rely on himself to make God's promise happen. Have you ever felt like doing that? What were the results?

Have you ever seen God do something you thought seemed impossible, either in your life or in the life of someone you know?

'Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise.' (4.28) What does that mean for us? How are we 'children of promise' today?