

ENJOYING FAMILY TIME

Starting point:

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website www.vcfj.org and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

Overview

- Discuss the concept of being born as a prisoner in a labor camp that Pastor shared and how we escape this bondage.
- What does *Gal. 3:22* tell us?

Before Grace There WERE THREE ANOLOGIES

Gal. 3:23-25?"

- What are the three analogies Paul uses to help us understand the law's role in bringing a person to faith in Jesus Christ?
- What did "the law" guard against to keep us from escaping prison?
- Why did Paul use the words "tutor" and "teacher" to explain that the law would bring us to Christ?

After Grace THERE WERE THREE EXPERIENCES

Gal. 3:26-29

- What are the three experiences Paul talks about in verses 26, 28 and 29?
- What do we learn about our adoption when we read *Eph. 1:3-6 to go with Gal 3:26?*
- What relationship should exist among those in Christ? (*Gal 3:28*)
- How are we placed into the family of God? (*1 Cor 12:13 and Gal. 3:28*)
- What is meant by the unity Paul describes in these verses?
- What conclusion should be reached about the promises to Abraham? (*Gal. 3:29*)

As Adopted Children WE ENJOY FAMILY TIME

Gal. 4:1-11

- Why does Paul use a child to begin this part of his letter? (*Gal. 4:1-2*)
- What is the bondage we are under when we were enslaved? (*Gal. 4:3*)
- How did God help us get out from our bondage? (*Gal. 4:5-7*)
- Define ABBA (*Gal. 4:6*)
- Explain how the trinity is at work in these verses?
- What is the Good News for us in *Gal. 4:7*?
- From these verses and *Eph. 1:3*, what are the Spiritual Blessings we receive from the Father when we are no longer slaves but heirs?

Application

- How can you deepen your “family time” with Our Heavenly Father?
- What can we learn and apply to our lives from Jesus and His relationship with His Heavenly Father to help us grow in our “family time?”