FOR YOUR REFLECTION

Reflection Questions

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Sowing Division
Galatians 4:8-20

Paul's letter reveals that when the gospel is misunderstood and misapplied, the consequences are not merely theological but deeply personal, resulting in broken relationships and division within the body of Christ.

Reflection Questions:

1. Paul argues that returning to works-based religion is essentially the same spirit as paganism -- in what ways do you see modern Christians subtly trusting in their own efforts or religious performance rather than resting fully in the finished work of Christ?

2. Our identity in Christ replaces every other label the world assigns us -- what labels from your past or present do you find most difficult to release, and what does it look like practically to live as a new creation rather than being defined by those categories?

3. Paul's missionary strategy in 1 Corinthians 9 depended on his freedom in Christ, allowing him to cross cultural boundaries to reach people -- in what ways might a legalistic mindset in your own life be limiting your opportunities to share the gospel with those who are different from you?

4. We are warned against adopting worldly philosophies and political alignments that stand in opposition to the truth of the gospel, echoing Elijah's challenge in 1 Kings 18 -- where do you find yourself most tempted to place one foot in the world's camp and one foot in God's, and what would full commitment to God's truth require of you?

5. Paul describes being in the anguish of childbirth over the Galatians until Christ is formed in them -- who in your life are you willing to endure that kind of deep, persistent spiritual labor for, and what does that kind of love actually demand of you?

6. Silence in the face of sin is not love but fear -- reflecting honestly on your own life, in what situations have you remained silent about sin and called it love, and what would it look like to speak truth with both gentleness and courage?

7. When the gospel is misunderstood or misapplied, unity in the church breaks down into division -- can you identify a time when a theological misunderstanding contributed to relational fracture in your own church experience, and what would gospel-centered reconciliation have required?