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## CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

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## The Barrier to Freedom (Gal 4:1-3)

- Paul's point in giving the illustration of an underage heir subject to guardians and stewards is that none of us are born free. If anything but Jesus is a requirement for salvation, that thing will become our slave master whether it be religion, other gods, money, etc.
- Martyn Lloyd-Jones defines an idol as "something that holds such a controlling position in your life that it moves and rouses and attracts me so easily that I give it my time, attention, and money to it effortlessly".
- What idols can you think of that can easily enslave us? What idols may
  God have saved you from in the past? What idols might you be in
  danger of serving? Share.

## Only Christ Brings True Freedom (Gal 4:4-10)

- Paul uses the illustration of a slave and adoption to show us how Jesus came not only to redeem our freedom but also that we can be called children and heirs of God.
- How do you think you would feel if you were the slave servant who
  was adopted as an heir? What difference does it make in your life to
  know that you can call God "Abba Father".
- To be known by God means being acknowledge, affirmed as God's own in a permanent relationship. How does knowing God reassure you today?

## <u>Living in the Fullness of Freedom (Gal 4:12-31)</u>

- Grace frees us to have deep, personal relationships across racial, cultural, physical barriers with an abiding love that never give up.
   Without grace, trust turns to distrust and truth turns to untruth.
- Have you been a recipient of grace shown to you in relationships? In what area would you like to receive grace for as you relate to family, colleagues, friends, etc?
- Sarah's story is one of grace where God turns barrenness into
  fruitfulness. When have you seen God do what seems impossible in
  your own life, or in the lives of those around you? As we go into a
  season of prayer and fasting, is there anything you are believing God
  for a breakthrough that you would like us to be in prayer with you for?