



Text: Galatians 4:21-31

Big Idea: Scripture teaches us that we keep our freedom in Christ through faith in the Gospel. Reverting to reliance on our own means leads to slavery, not salvation.

- We must rely upon divine initiative
- WE must rejoice in God's power
- We must root out whatever might enslave us

Discussion Questions:

1. Abraham and Sarah took God's covenant into their own hands when they chose to "build a family" through Hagar. Fourteen years later God moved through Sarah to give them their promised son, Isaac. What are our excuses to take matters into our own hands? What are reasons for waiting on God?
2. With Sarah, as in the Nativity story, God demonstrated His power and authority by bringing about something from nothing. Where do you see God's power at work today? How can we celebrate it?
3. Genesis 21:9 says Ishmael (born by human initiative) was mocking or taunting Isaac (born by God's promise). Paul says that continues to happen to children born of the Spirit (Galatians 4:29). How might "religious" people persecute those free in Christ? Why do you think that happens?
4. At this point in our study of Galatians, where have you heard God speak to you? Share anything that may have come to you as a new idea or something where your understanding has been deepened.