

Immerse week 3
Title: Immerse: Galatians
Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:4-11
Discussion Questions

1. We are now in the third week of our whole church New Testament Bible Reading Plan called Immerse. If you haven't started yet, it's not too late to join, grab a bookmark from the church Foyer and start reading along. If you have been reading this week what is one thing that stood out to you as you read? What was it like to read such a large chunk of scripture in one week?
2. This week we read the books of 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, and the first part of Romans. It would be impossible to cover all of these letters in one sermon, so to narrow down our focus today we are going to be looking at Paul's teaching to the Galatian churches from Galatians 4:4-11. Read it for yourself, what stands out to you as you read?
3. After Paul and his companions visited Galatia, and taught people about Jesus, other teachers came. These new teachers falsely demanded that to become Christians these new Jesus followers must first become Jewish, following the commands of the Old Testament. Paul refutes these false teachers, but unfortunately this type of twisting of the teachings of the Bible doesn't stop here, and sadly continues to this day. How should we as Christians test teachings we hear from others? What would it look like to hold up all teachings we hear to the lens of scripture to test for truth and legitimacy?
4. In response to these false teachings, Paul stresses the Galatians' new freedom in Christ, and what it means to be "*in Christ*." Paul explains that through Jesus, Christians are "*Children of God*," and "*Heirs*." What does it mean to you that you can be a "*Child of God*?" How does that good news give you comfort and assurance?