

Read Galatians 4:8-20

1. As you read this text and think through the sermon, what stands out to you, encourages you, or challenges you?
2. What surprises or alarms Paul about the Galatians' behavior in verses 8–11? Why does he place legalistic religion in the same category as pagan bondage?
3. What does Paul mean when he says, "Become as I am, for I also have become as you are" (v. 12)?
4. Why does telling the truth sometimes make faithful pastors appear like enemies (v. 16)? How do you typically respond when someone lovingly challenges you with biblical truth?
5. Paul's tone in this passage is deeply emotional and relational. Why does Paul use the image of **childbirth** to describe his ministry to the Galatians? What does this language make you feel about the relationship between a pastor and their people?
6. When you hear the phrase "**Christ formed in you**" (v. 19), what comes to mind? How is this different from simply "trying to live a good Christian life"? Why is "Christ formed in us" fundamentally different from moralistic self-improvement?

PRAY