

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: We Believe

Sermon: God Comes Near

Scripture: Galatians 3:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Reflection Questions:

- In Galatians 4, why does Paul emphasize that God sent His Son and God sent His Spirit? What does that teach us about who takes the initiative in our salvation? How does that change our relationship with God?
- What is the difference between believing God exists and living as though you have been adopted as His son or daughter?
- Why do you think Paul moves from redemption ("to redeem those under the law") to relationship ("Abba! Father!")? What does that reveal about God's ultimate purpose in saving us? How does that impact the way you live?
- If the Spirit of God's Son truly dwells in your heart, where are you most resisting His work right now: your fears, your priorities, your relationships, your habits, or something else? In what ways is the fruit of the Spirit evident (or not) in your life? Why?
- Paul says that in Christ we are "no longer slaves, but sons; and if sons, then heirs." How can you live more into your identity as a beloved child of God?

Guided Prayer:

Praise the Father for making you His child. Praise Jesus for taking on human flesh to redeem you. Praise the Spirit for enabling you to cry out to God. Repent of the ways you live as a slave rather than a child. Ask God to reveal those to you. Ask God to forgive you and help you to live into your true identity. Commit to live by the Holy Spirit and allow Him to work the fruit of the Spirit in you. Thank Him for the grace and love you have received through Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.