

Emmanuel

GOD WITH US

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss what it means to be redeemed by Jesus and what it looks like to embrace redemption. Help your group understand what freedom from sin looks like and what it means to be an heir with Christ.

ICE BREAKER



How did you celebrate Christmas this year? Share your favorite memory made this holiday season.

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Galatians 4:1-7 ESV

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to 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.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Embrace God's redemption in Jesus.

Key Question: How can we experience God's redemption?

1. Recognize your condition. (vv. 1-3)
2. Trust in God's saving action. (vv.4-5a)
3. Receive God's adoption. (vv. 5b-7)

DISCUSSION



1. This week's passage addresses the freedom we have as *God's children*, redeemed by Christ. As you observe our culture, what examples do you see of how much we value freedom?
2. Paul teaches that before Christ, we were "enslaved to the elementary principles of the world (v.3)." What are some worldly things (sins) that you get trapped in?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:24. Through faith in Jesus, his death counts as our redemption from sin. How have you experienced freedom from sin?
4. Through receiving the Spirit, we are adopted into God's family (v.7). How does it impact you knowing that God is your Father through Jesus?

LIFE APPLICATION



Through Jesus' saving work on the cross, we have been redeemed and made heirs with Christ. As God's children we can experience freedom from slavery to sin. How should this impact your daily life? What would it look like for you to embrace the redemption Jesus offers this week?

Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


