

SERMON OUTLINE

Become As I Am

Galatians 4:8-20

When we are known by God there is grace to know ourselves... (Galatians 4:9a)

What questions reveal God's grace in Galatians 4?

How can you turn back again to an old way of life? (Galatians 4:8-11)

What has become of your blessedness? (Galatians 4:12-15)

Have I become your enemy by telling you the truth? (Galatians 4:16-20)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- Describe the kind of habits that mark your life presently, daily routines, holidays, or markers that would help someone understand what you value, follow, or believe in. Be detailed. Think of your daily routines, morning-noon-night.
- Describe the image of enslavement that Paul uses to metaphorically contrast being known and knowing God?
- What can we learn from Galatians 4:12–15 about the situation when they first heard the gospel from Paul?
- Reading between the lines of Galatians 4:16–18, what can we say about the current situation between the teachers who have recently arrived and their impact on the church? How is the nature of this relationship different from the one they had formed with Paul?
- Why do you think people might be influenced and shaped by these false teachers? What false teachers exist today? How would you recognize them? Why is it so easy to buy into false teaching?
- What teachers have shaped you? What have you learned? What are you learning from them, still?