

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE BLESSINGS OF FAITH
Galatians 4:1-7
Sola Fide (Galatians) — Week 9

ICEBREAKER: Why do you think it's so hard for people to say they're sorry?

OVERVIEW: Being a Christian is not an easy life. Following Jesus means you have to do what He says, and not what's comfortable, cool, or convenient. It means pleasing Him, and being rejected by people. So, why follow Jesus? Because of the blessings. The benefits of following Jesus far outweigh the costs. In this study we will go deeper with the blessings of trusting in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What are some of the challenges and costs of following Jesus?
3. What are the greatest benefits of following Jesus?
4. What does it mean to put your faith in Jesus?
5. Read Romans 5:1-5.
 - a. What are the benefits of faith in this passage?

- b. What is the "access to God" mentioned in verse 2?
 - c. What is the "hope of the glory of God" in verse 2?
 - d. How does character produce hope (see verse 4)?
6. Read Galatians 4:1-7 and answer the following questions.
- a. What are the four blessings of faith mentioned in this passage?
 - b. How did Christ "redeem those under the law" (see verse 5)?
 - c. Verse 5 speaks about our adoption in Christ. What are some of the implications of our adoption into God's family?
 - d. What does it mean that "God sent the Spirit... into our hearts, crying 'Abba, Father!'" (see verse 6)?
 - e. What else does the Holy Spirit do in the life of the believer?

The Last Word: Not everyone is a child of God. Only when you put your faith in Jesus Christ does God adopt you into His family.



