

WEEK 13- CHILDREN OF PROMISE

Galatians 4:21-31

1. IN JESUS WE HAVE A HOPE THAT GOES BEYOND OUR PRESENT
2. IN JESUS WE HAVE AN IDENTITY THAT GOES BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. **ICEBREAKER:** Reading the Bible can be difficult sometimes. Some passages (like the one from this week) can be hard to understand without help. What do you do when you come across a passage you don't understand or find hard to believe?
3. The promises of God rarely come to fruition overnight. Abraham and Sarah had to wait 25 years for their son to be born. Have you ever had to wait longer than you would've liked for a promise? How did you handle the waiting?
4. This week, Pastor Ryan talked about how everybody is looking for satisfaction, fulfillment and purpose. Where we differ is how we go about trying to obtain these things. How might understanding the fact that we all want the same thing change the way you interact with people you disagree with?
5. The first idea this week was that "In Jesus we have a hope that goes beyond our present". What is your present like? How can we hold onto this hope we have in Jesus regardless of our circumstances?
6. The second idea this week was that "In Jesus we have an identity that goes beyond our understanding". How do you view yourself? Why do you think God cares so much about us having a correct understanding of who we are in Jesus?
7. In Galatians 4:29 we see that our struggle with the "flesh" isn't over yet. What does this struggle look like in your life? Do your failures ever lead you to doubt the change that Jesus has brought to your life? How can the gospel encourage you in these times of struggle and doubt?
8. We can waste our entire lives looking for hope and identity in all kinds of different places. But these needs are ONLY met in a relationship with Jesus. Take some time this week to evaluate where you are looking for your hope and identity. As a group, discuss how we can refocus on Jesus so that we don't end up wasting our lives.