

Midweek Bible Study: “Freedom Through Faith”

Midweek Bible Study prior to 31 Aug 2025

Text: Galatians 3:23–29

Theme: From Law to Grace—Becoming One in Christ

1. Icebreaker: “Rules We Grew Up With”

Ask:

- “What’s one rule you had growing up that you didn’t understand until later?”
Use this to transition into how the Law functioned before Christ—like a spiritual guardian.

2. Scripture Reading & Reflection

Have someone read Galatians 3:23–29 aloud.

Galatians 3:23-29 - New International Version

Children of God

²³ **Before the coming of this faith,**^[a] **we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.** ²⁴ **So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.** ²⁵ **Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.**

²⁶ **So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,** ²⁷ **for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.** ²⁸ **There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.** ²⁹ **If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Then ask:

- “What word or phrase stood out to you?”
- “How does this passage make you feel about your identity in Christ?”

3. Teaching & Discussion

Key Themes to Explore:

- **The Law as a Guardian (vv. 23–24):**

- Explain the Greek term *paidagogos*—a tutor or guide for children.
- Ask: “How did the Law prepare people for Christ?”
- **Faith Brings Adoption (vv. 25–26):**
 - Emphasize that faith—not works—makes us children of God.
 - Ask: “What does it mean to be a child of God today?”
- **Unity in Christ (vv. 27–29):**
- Explore the radical equality: no Jew/Greek, slave/free, male/female.
- Ask: “How does this challenge divisions we see in society or church?”

4. Life Application

Give practical examples:

- In prison ministry: How does this passage speak to someone who feels disqualified by their past?
- In children’s ministry: How can we teach kids that their value comes from being in Christ?

Ask:

- “What’s one way you can live out your identity in Christ this week?”

5. Closing Prayer & Challenge

Prayer Focus:

- Thank God for the gift of faith and unity in Christ.
- Ask for courage to live as heirs of the promise.

Challenge:

- Memorize Galatians 3:26: “*You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*”
- Share this truth with someone who needs encouragement.