

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Galatians 3:26 – 4:7
From Slaves to Sons

Getting Started

Word association: what comes to mind when you hear the word *adopted*?

Digging In

1. **Read Galatians 3:26-29.** How do we become sons of God?
2. What do you think is the main point Paul is making in v. 28?
3. What is the relevance of what he's teaching for the churches in Galatia?
4. According to v. 29, who are the spiritual descendants of Abraham? (see also 3:6-9)
5. **Read Galatians 4:1-7.** In Roman society of that day, in what way was an heir like a slave? (vss. 1-2)
6. In what way were we like slaves before coming to Christ? (v. 3)
7. What did God do so that we might *receive the full rights of sons*? (v. 4)
8. What additional benefit does Paul mention in v. 5?
9. What final benefit is mentioned in v. 7?



Getting Personal

- How can this passage help build unity in the body of Christ?
- How and why can we approach God with the same intimacy and confidence that is expressed in the expression used in 4:6, *Abba, Father*?
- You've probably heard of estates that have gone unclaimed because the heirs were unaware of their inheritance. Do you think you're fully enjoying your inheritance as an adopted son or daughter of God? Why or why not?