



Sermon Discussion Questions

Galatians 3:15-22 // Why Then the Law?

- Have you ever found yourself in the midst of a story other than the one you're normally in (like in a play or a musical)? How did inserting yourself into a different story affect the way you live your "normal" life?
- Pastor Joey said "the story you think you're in decides who you think you are." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- If it's true that we all live within a primary story that we tell about ourselves to ourselves and others, then what story do you tell about yourself? What's your story?
- In Galatians 3:15-22 Paul is trying to help his readers understand their relationship to Torah, the Law given to Moses, by using the illustration of a "Last Will and Testament." How does this illustration help you understand the differences between the promise to Abraham and the Law from Moses?
- Paul gets really specific about the word "offspring" or "family". How is that word integral to his argument?
- Who is the one-family "offspring" of Abraham? Why does that matter for us?
- In the second half of this passage Paul shifts gears to talk about the purpose of the Law in the first place. How would you summarize verses 19 through 22?
- Pastor Joey said the Law wasn't provided in order to *give* the promise, but in order to *preserve* the promise. How did the Law function in that way?

- Pastor Joey quoted N.T. Wright's biography of Paul, where he says that Paul's ministry could be summarized as "teaching non-Jews to *think Jewishly* and teaching both non-Jews and Jews to think in the Jewish way *as radically modified by Jesus*. This...involves nothing short of the hardest conversion of all, the conversion of the imagination" (Wright, *Paul: A Biography*, 2018, pg 219). How has this study in Galatians helped you in "converting your imagination" to thinking in the same way Paul does?
- Given all that we've studied in Galatians, what's your story? How do you tell the story God has invited you to live in? Why does that matter?

