



Life Group Story Guide (Week 1)

Theme: "The Fruit Of The Spirit", **Story Guide 1: Galatians 4:21-31** (Holiness, Human Or Divine)

Open in Prayer, Welcome & Introductions

Review of Life Group Guidelines

Hook Question:

Think about a moment when you felt you had accomplished something really worthwhile. What did that achievement require from you? Now, consider a time when you received something of great value that you didn't work for. How do the feelings from these two experiences compare?

Background of tonight' story:

Paul's letter to the Galatians gives us a distinction between the two wives of Abraham and the two sons born to them. Paul shows us the difference between being born into slavery by our efforts and being born into freedom by the blessings of GOD.

Tell the Story: This week's Bible passage is found in **Galatians 4:21-31**

Rebuild the Story

Read the Story out loud (look for additions or omissions)

Questions:

- Why does Paul use slavery and freedom to describe the distinction of works of human effort and the blessings of GOD through the Holy Spirit?
- In light of the call to cast out the 'slave woman and her son', have you ever had to let go of old beliefs or practices that no longer served your spiritual growth? What emotions were involved in that process?
- Can you share a situation where you have recognized that you are spiritually bullying someone based on your perspective of scripture?
- Reflect on your spiritual journey and identify areas where you might be 'persecuting' others by imposing legalistic views. What changes can you make to foster a more inclusive and grace-filled community?

Review & Retell the Story

Assign Next Week's Story: Zechariah 3:1-7

Close in Prayer

ARISE Miami "Life is better together"