

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

Galatians 4:12-20 – I Wanna Be Like You

My Story

1. Who were your heroes/idols: when you were in elementary school; in high school; as an adult?

Digging Deeper

2. How did the Galatians originally respond to Paul's preaching of the Gospel (vv.12-16)? How does Paul imply that they are changing their response, both to him and to the Gospel message?
3. How had Paul suffered so that "Christ would be formed" in the Galatians (vv.13-16+19)? Read 1 Cor. 2:1-6 and 2 Cor. 12:9-10 and discuss how and why God often prefers to use us through our weaknesses.

4. Why do you think the false teachers might have succeeded in winning some of the Galatians believers to their teaching (vv. 17-20)? What enticed these believers to change?

Reflection

5. Like the Galatians, have you slipped back into any bad habits or old ways, from which Christ once delivered you? What can you do about it?
6. What are you most zealous about? Why? In what area do you need to be more zealous? Why? How can you change that?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Sometimes we see slow spiritual growth in those around us (friends, family, church members). Gal. 4:12-20 reminds us that the Christian life is not necessarily marked by straight-line growth. Ask God for patience and a heart to encourage others.

Praises / Prayer Requests

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