

## GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**August 10, 2025**

### GALATIANS

#### Part 8: Leftovers (Galatians 4:8-20)

**Theme:** God uses detours, difficult truths, and spiritual drift to call us closer to Christ. His desire is not religious performance but deep transformation – until Christ is formed in us.

#### Ice-Breaker

1. **Fun Start:** What's your go-to meal when it's leftovers night at home?
2. **Creative Twist:** If your spiritual life were a fridge, what's something you'd want to throw out—and what would you want more of?

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#### Reflect (Read Galatians 4:8-20 together)


3. **Core Message:** Paul pleads with the Galatians not to turn back to their old ways. Why do you think people are so often tempted to return to the familiar, even when it's harmful or enslaving? (*Galatians 4:8-20*)
4. **Scriptural Insight:** Paul warns the Galatians about turning back to “not gods”. What are some “good” things that easily become “god” things in culture or personal lives? (*Galatians 4:8-9*)
5. **Challenge of the law:** Paul asks, “Have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?” Why is telling or receiving the truth, especially spiritual truth, often so difficult? How can we grow in this area? (*Galatians 4:16*)
6. **God's Role:** Verse 19 describes Paul's longing for “Christ to be formed” in the Galatians. What does it look like in real life for Christ to be formed in someone? Who is ultimately responsible for that growth? (*Galatians 4:19*)

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#### Take Action

7. **Personal Growth:** Can you think of a time when God used a personal setback, sickness, or limitation to bring spiritual growth to you—or someone else?
8. **Practical Steps:** What are some intentional ways we can identify and remove “not gods” from our lives this week?
9. **Difficult Habits:** Is there someone in your life you're called to love or speak truth to—without knowing how they'll respond? What would it look like to commit to love them “until Christ is formed” in them?
10. **Community Impact:** In verse 18, Paul celebrates good zeal. What's one way our group or church can direct our passion and energy toward something that reflects Christ to our community? (*Galatians 4:18*)

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 **Group Prayer:** Pray for courage to speak truth in love, clarity to see where we may be returning to “not gods,” and grace to keep laboring for others until Christ is fully formed in them.