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Bible Study Guide #34

Sunday, October 12TH, 2025

Introductory/Ice Breaker Question

What's one thing you loved doing in the past that now, looking back, you realize wasn't really good for you? Share your experience with your group.

Scripture

Read **Galatians 4:8–20**

A. Observation

1. In verses 8–9, Paul contrasts the Galatians' past life of slavery to idols with their new life in Christ. What does this teach us about the danger of returning to old habits or legalism?

2. Paul expresses concern in verse 11 that his work among the Galatians might have been in vain. What do you think causes spiritual backsliding in believers today?

3. In verses 12–14, Paul recalls the Galatians' warm reception of him despite his weakness. What does this tell us about Christian hospitality and love?

4. Verse 15 asks, "Where then is your blessing of me now?" What factors can cause believers' attitudes toward spiritual leaders to change over time?

5. In verse 16, Paul asks, "Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?" What does this teach us about speaking the truth in love within the church?

6. In verses 19–20, Paul compares his concern for the Galatians' spiritual growth to labor pains. What does this imagery tell us about the heart of a true shepherd or leader?

B. Application

7. How will you apply the truths learned from this week's study?