

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

"In the Nick of Time"

Tell some stories of something happening in your life "in the nick of time."

1. How was the date of the birth of Jesus the "right time" as far as the political, economic, and linguistic state of the world at the time?
2. How was the date of Jesus' birth a fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament?
3. The context of our verses for this week in Galatians 4:4-5 concern our adoption into the family of God. Describe a time when you felt like you belonged in a group (of friends, coworkers, Christians, etc.). What made you feel like you belonged?
4. What might have made you feel excluded? How would being left out have made you feel?

Read Galatians 4:1-7.

5. According to Paul, how do we enter into adoption?
6. How does Paul describe life outside of Christ?
7. What are the characteristics applied to Jesus in verses 4-5?
8. What is Paul trying to communicate about Christ by describing Him as both "born of a woman" and "born under the law"?
9. What does it mean to be in bondage to the natural elements of the world?
10. What does it mean to be an heir?
11. What do we stand to inherit as a son, or daughter of the Heavenly Father?
12. Despite being fully divine, Jesus Christ took on human flesh and subjected Himself to the full experience of human life. How does this truth influence the way you think about Jesus?
13. Why should it embolden your confidence to turn to Him in times of need?
14. How has Christ redeemed us? In other words, how has He set us free? And what price did He pay to do so?
15. According to verse 6, what is the confirmation of our adoption through faith in Christ?