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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from the sermon and the Scriptures?
2. Read Genesis 16. Is there anything that stands out to you from this story that was not discussed in the sermon?
3. Do you think it's fair to say that salvation by works makes someone a slave? Why/why not?
4. What are some indicators that you might be slipping into a mindset of salvation by works?
5. Have you ever felt, or do you ever feel, like you need to do good things to be "good enough" for God? Why might you feel that way sometimes?
6. Why is the Gospel message good news for us? How would you explain it to a non-Christian friend?

Example of Hagar and Sarah

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³ But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴ Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵ Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶ But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."

²⁸ Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." ³¹ So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

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Memory Verse: Galatians 5:1

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