

A legal illustration 4:1-7

An intimate, loving relationship 4:6-7

Abba, Father

From **slave** to a **child** who is an **heir** (cf. Romans 8:17)

A Personal Appeal for Truthfulness 4:8-20

a. An appeal to turn away from legalism 4:8-11

Life before knowing Christ 4:8

Life after knowing Christ 4:9

b. An appeal to remember their relationship 4:12-16

They received Paul regardless of his illness 4:13-14

An enemy because of telling the truth? 4:15-16

*c. An appeal to consider Paul's attitude toward them
4:17-20*

The plan of the Judaizers (legalists) 4:17-18

Paul's personal pain for the Galatians 4:19-20

Questions for discussion

1. How might someone who has not had a good relationship with his/her earthly father be encouraged and blessed when thinking about his/her relationship with our heavenly Father? How might you use this in sharing the message of Jesus to a believer and a nonbeliever? Galatians 4:6-7
2. What does it mean to you to be a joint heir with Jesus Christ? How might this truth be used to encourage you in your walk with the Lord during times of trouble? How might you encourage others? Galatians 4:7; Romans 8:17
3. Discuss the issue of speaking the truth using the following texts. Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 27:6; Galatians 4:13-16