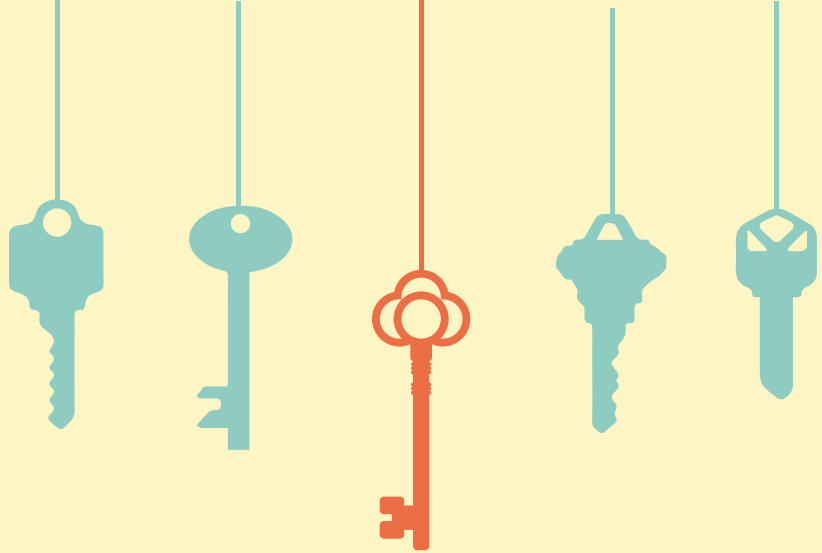

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A STUDY IN GALATIANS

Small Group Study Guide

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Grown-Up Faith

OVERVIEW

Being spiritually clothed and clean is what makes us presentable to God. And the way that we become that is to have grown-up faith.

Paul is writing to the Galatians, encouraging them to have grown up faith. There are 3 things that unite the Galatians and should be said of us:

1) They're all spiritually cleaned and clothed.
2) They are all in the new family of Jesus.
3) They are all recipients of a promised inheritance.

Warm-Up:

1. Can you think of a time when you first cared about being clean?
2. Do you have a memory of when you started to wear “grown-up” clothes?

Read: Galatians 3:26-29

Discuss:

1. When you've heard the phrase "children of God," did you imagine young children or grown-up children? Why or why not?
2. Was it surprising to think of being a "grown-up" child of God? Why or why not?
3. Anson made the comment that many of us came to church clean and clothed physically, but dirty and naked spiritually. Have you ever felt like your “insides” didn't match how clean and clothed you are on the outside?
4. Read Gal. 4:1-7. Paul says “[the nation of Israel was] in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world” before Jesus came. Now, we can be heirs who know God for ourselves. Do you see people living as slaves under elemental spiritual forces today? Where?
5. Do you ever feel that you have received God's inheritance, but haven't yet become a beneficiary? In other words, do you feel that you have faith in God, but don't know how to have “grown-up”faith? Explain.
6. How can we start to move towards a “grown-up” faith? What are practical steps you want to take this week towards living as a beneficiary?