STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:

Cleveland Pregnancy Center

Pearl Island Team #2 (Youth Team): Serving July 19-August 1

Team Leaders: Cort Cable & Lauren Shepherd

Team Members: Natalie, Ellyse, John, Jenny, Delanee, Kelly, and Emma

[set up]

Who is a leader—a pastor, teacher, mentor, or missionary—who has worked especially hard (maybe even suffered) to help you grow in Christ? What specific stories do you have that might illustrate this?

What are you thankful for this week?

What are you struggling with this week?

[digging deeper]

Ask one person to read Galatians 4:8-20 out loud while everyone reads along.

Ask another person to read the passage out loud.

Without looking at the Bible, ask a third person to retell the passage in his/her own words. (As a group, others will fill in what's missing.)

What things does this passage teach us about the life, the heart, and the ministry of a true God-pleasing pastor, missionary, church planter, or LifeGroup leader? (Write these down on a giant post-it.)

What does this passage teach about God's expectations for His servants?

What does this passage teach about how God's people are to respond?

What does it mean to have "Christ formed in you"? What does that look like? What are some ways we can cooperate with God's spirit so that Christ is formed in each of us?

What does this passage teach about obedience, about how we are to live?

[living it out]

In light of what we now know about this passage, what is God calling you to do this week? How does God want you to obey this Scripture? (Everyone writes an "I will" statement.)

Who will you share these truths with this week? How will you live this out loud this week? Who do you know who needs to hear this?

In this upcoming week, what is going to be a challenge for you?

[end with prayer]

Close in prayer by praying over everyone's "I will" statements.

Pray for opportunities to share what you learned this week. Pray for the people in your life who need to hear this.

Pray about the challenges that you and your group members are anticipating this week.