

Not the Same || Religion of Law (Islam)

INTRODUCTION

Law vs. Grace...Islam, Judaism and Christianity can all be traced back to Abraham and his sons Ishmael (Islam) and Isaac (Judaism and Christianity). In this passage in Galatians, Paul talks about the vast differences of what God did or did not do from the lineage of Abraham's two sons. One route sets people free and the other leaves them in bondage.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What is your favorite childhood memory?
2. Share an interesting fact with the group about your family background or heritage.

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How has your view of God changed over the years?
2. Read [Genesis 15:17- 16:10](#), [Genesis 21:1-13](#) What was the difference in status between Abraham's two sons?
3. Read [Galatians 4:21-31](#) In verse 23, Paul makes the case that Ishmael was born of flesh. What does he mean? What might be an area of your life where you are trying to work out in the flesh, rather than wait for the promise?
4. Is the pressure of keeping any man-made custom keeping you from experiencing God's promise?
5. In what ways might you be trying to please God other than following Jesus?
6. Which of your own rules or personal standards are you tempted to require of others?
7. Read [Galatians 4:28](#) again. How are we like Isaac? What does it mean to be "children of promise" in our day to day life?

PRAYER

Go around your group and ask for prayer requests. As a group, spend time praying over each other. Thank God for the fact that in Jesus, we are children of promise. Ask God to show areas where we might be trying to earn grace. Ask for grace in our relationships both with Him this and with others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NextGen Summer camps are coming soon! Camps are a great way for your kids to learn what it means to follow Jesus while building relationships with leaders and peers. For more information and to register click [HERE](#). Scholarships are available!
- Is your group breaking for the Summer? As a group, be sure to discuss your plans and land some dates for social events.