

## **A Pastor's Heart**

Galatians 4:8-20 (Pg. 1813)

### **Taking it Home:**

1. Have you slipped back into any bad habits or old ways, from which Christ once delivered you? How might you get back on the right path?
2. Take some time to pray for your pastors, elders, deacons, staff, and ministry leaders.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

### **A Pastor's Concern**

### **A Pastor's Prayer**

1. God, help us live in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel.
2. God, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God, make us \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **A Pastor's Hope**

## **Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions**

### **Getting Started:**

1. From childhood, what highlight moment stands out when you brought frustration/exasperation to your parents?

### **Digging Deeper:**

#### **Galatians 4:8-20**

1. What were some of the things the Galatians were turning back to? Why did this bring such great concern to Paul?
2. Speaking of temptation, Augustine said, “These voices, as I heard them, seemed less than half as loud as they had been before. They no longer barred my way, blatantly contradictory, but their mutterings seemed to reach me from behind, as though they were stealthily plucking at my back, trying to make me turn my head when I wanted to go forward.” When and to what are you most tempted to return?
3. In what sense does the gospel bring freedom from slavery? What does it mean to live as a child in a relationship not enslaved to religion?

4. J.I. Packer says, “What matters supremely, therefore, is not in the last analysis the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it – the fact that he knows me. I am graven on the palms of his hand. I am never out of his mind... He knows me as a friend, one who loves me; and there is no moment when his eye is off me, or his attention is not distracted from me, and no moment, therefore, when his care falters.” Why is God’s initiating work of knowing and choosing you most important?
5. How was the zeal of the Judaizers misguided? Paul said, “It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good.” In what things is it good to be zealous?
6. Read Romans 8:29, Romans 12:2, and Ephesians 4:20-24. What does it mean to be formed into the image of Christ? Throughout the year, how has this taken shape in your life?