

GALATIANS



REWired

From Performance to

PASSION

From the team at

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MIRROR

Why would you want to be rewired?

My wife and I used to own a twenty-five year old refrigerator. When I pulled it out from the wall to get rid of it, I was shocked when I saw the cord—it was hot to the touch and frayed in several places.

Lots of men today are like that cord. They are working hard to hold their lives together and it's working, but just barely. Inside they aren't experiencing true meaning, peace, or joy. Their dissatisfaction with life is beginning to show on the outside as well. The sinful legacy of the fall has worked its damage. If something doesn't change, they are likely to flame out or just stop functioning, with devastating consequences for those around them.

Even though the cord had changed on my old refrigerator, the current from the outlet had never wavered. The same thing is true for us—there is a power source available to every man. Will we tap into Him and allow Him to provide the energy for our lives? That's what Galatians is all about. Paul wrote his friends to remind them where true life comes from – an authentic faith in Jesus Christ.

We pray God uses this study to move you from relying on your own strength to a life of extraordinary faith. You were made to show off His power, strength, and glory; you won't be satisfied until you do.

After all, no man wants to flame out like some ratty old cord on a twenty-five year old refrigerator.

With you on the journey,



David Delk
President,
Man in the Mirror



For the Facilitator: A good schedule for a one-hour meeting is 50 minutes for discussion and 10 minutes for prayer. During your meetings, talk about the discussion questions found in that session. It's more important to talk about "real" things your men are dealing with than it is to answer every question. Encourage each man to share his thoughts. You don't have to be an experienced Bible teacher to lead a group. If you don't know the answer to a question, simply say so and move on.

For more helpful information about facilitating a Rewired group, go to www.maninthemirror.org/rewiredleader.





What will you need to get Rewired with Galatians? Only these four things: this booklet, a Bible, a pen, and a notebook to write any extra notes in.



Never done a Bible study before? No problem!

Here's how it works

1. Each week covers a specific passage from Galatians. Be sure to read it first!

4. Here's the Big Idea, the one point that sums up the week.

5. The Talk About It section helps your group discuss the passage and what it means to your every day lives.

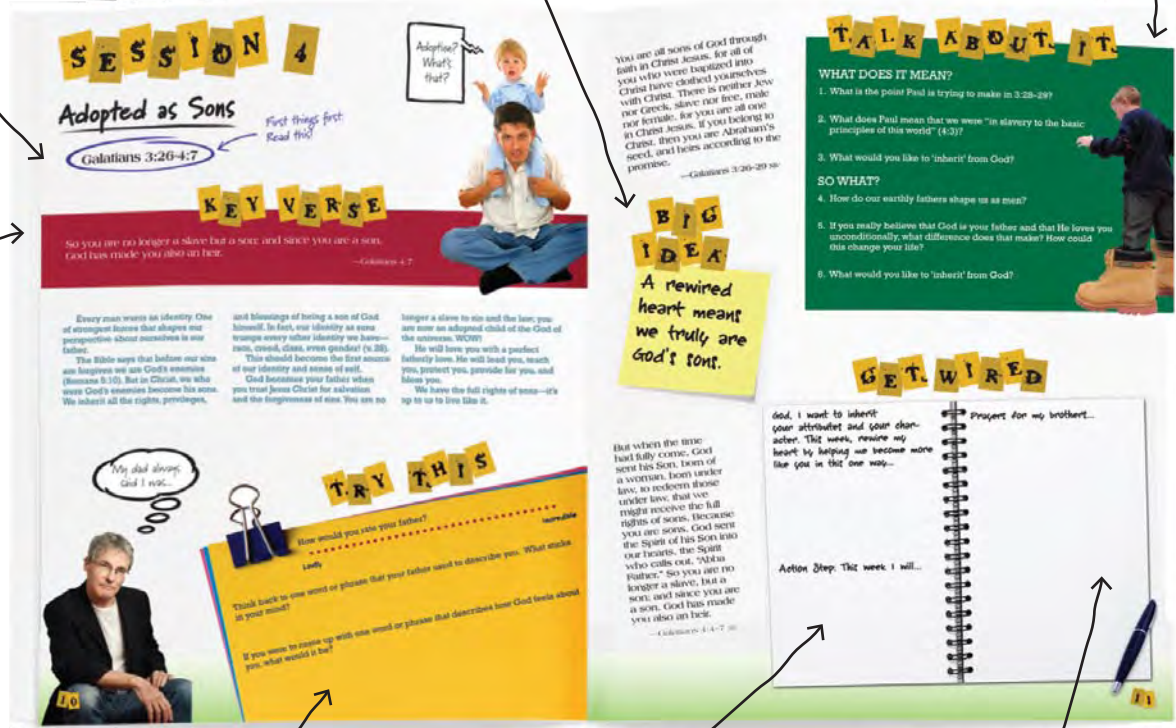
2. There's a Key Verse for the week, great if you want to memorize a few verses over the next six weeks!

3. Try This means, well, try it! These are activities to get you thinking.

6. Get Wired is a chance for you to write down a prayer for yourself and plan an Action Step—one thing you will do during the week to let God rewire your heart.

7. On this side, write down the prayer requests of the other guys in your group. You can check back each week to see how they're doing!

The fine print



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SESSION 1

Don't Make It So Complicated!

Read: Galatians 1:1–10

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KEY VERSE

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all.

—Galatians 1:6-7a NIV

"Open. Heat. Serve." I think I can handle that.



Do you have a friend who makes everything more complicated than it needs to be? No matter how simple the task, he can make it a convoluted mess. Sometimes you just want to shake him and say, "Life doesn't have to be this difficult!"

Paul is writing the Galatians to shake them up a little. He had visited and taught them about Jesus Christ. He told them that Jesus was focusing on their hearts, not their behavior. That salvation comes from faith, not their own righteousness.

But since he had left, some other teachers had come in, changing the message he had given them, saying: *Believing isn't enough* (faith)—*you have to become Jewish too* (works). For them, that included getting circumcised! Ouch!

TRY THIS

Rate your own spiritual walk on a scale of one to ten:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Lousy Awesome

What are you doing or not doing that makes you feel this way about your walk with God?

Make a list of the "spiritual activities" you are involved in using the categories below:

'Cause I have to

'Cause I want to

Paul, an apostle—sent not from men or by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the brothers with me,

To the churches in Galatia...

—Galatians 1:1-2 NIV

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently, people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

—Galatians 1:6-8 NIV

So Paul, how do you really feel???



TALK ABOUT IT

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

1. Who does Paul say sent him? (v. 1) How does this differ from the teachers that the Galatians have been listening to?
2. Judging by the first ten verses of chapter one, how would you describe Paul's mood in this letter? Why is he feeling this way?
3. How many times does Paul use the word "gospel" in verses 6-9? What do you think is the importance of that word?
4. What is "the gospel of Christ" (v. 7)?

SO WHAT?

5. How do we "pervert" the gospel today? What do we add to it? Why?
6. How can you avoid being a "people pleaser" at work? At home? At church?

A rewired heart starts with faith in Christ alone.

BIG IDEA

Use the Get Wired space each week to jot down your prayers and plans.

GET WIRED

Lord, open my heart to what You can teach me through Galatians. Rewire my heart by renewing my passion for You. My prayer for this week is...

Prayers for my brothers...

Action Step: This week I will...

