

WE ARE FAMILY

Session 1



'Fans & Family'

Gal 4:4-7

UP: Introduction

- Would you describe yourself as a 'fan'?
- What are some of the characteristics of being a fan?

IN: Explore

READ: Gal 4:4-7

In this passage Paul is talking to a church. This community had come to believe in Jesus Christ, and many had come from different faith backgrounds. For some this would have meant being 'separated' from their human families, they would have given up so much to be followers of Jesus. However, there were influencers that were trying to convince them to adopt Jewish practices in order to truly belong....

In the light of this - what strikes you about this passage?

- Why do you think Paul uses the language of families not fans or spectators in his letters when addressing the church?
- What is significant for you in your own family (past or present?)
- How does this principle of being family **encourage** you as you think about the church you are part of?
- How does this principle of being family **challenge** you as you think about the church you are part of?

OUT: Impact

- Take a moment to pray for your own families
- Are there those in our church family that really need prayer? Support? Encouragement?
- Pray for them and consider if there is anything practical you might be able to do?