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(Galatians 4:21-5:1)

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Hagar/Ishmael	Sarah/Isaac
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2. According to the _____	2. According to the _____
3. Slaves	3. Free
4. _____ Jerusalem	4. Jerusalem _____

II. The Application:

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2. Believers, like Isaac, will be _____.
3. Believers, like Isaac, will _____ an _____.
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Group Discussion Questions

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

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2. What does it mean to be children of Promise? Has your experience as a Christian been more of a growing in freedom or a coming under rules? Explain.
3. Have you ever experienced persecution for what you believe? Take time at the end of the meeting to pray for our brethren in other countries who are experiencing persecution for their faith.
4. Do you ever lose sight of eternity and focus only on the here and now? How can we live more mindful of an eternal perspective?
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