

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023 EMBRACE EQUITY



## Galatians 3:23-29 (NLT)

Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

<sup>24</sup> Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. <sup>25</sup> And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

<sup>26</sup> For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

## Read and engage

**Listen as the verses are read out loud and notice the key words and messages.**

- What stood out to you?
- Choose one of these:
  - » Sum up the main idea in these verses in one sentence.
  - » Draw an image that comes to mind from these verses.
  - » Tell a story that relates to these verses.
  - » Write down the key words.
  - » Share a song that these words remind you of.

**Listen as the verses are read out loud again.**

- What feelings or images come to mind as you listen?
- How do these verses relate to your current or past experiences?

**Listen as the verses are read out loud again.**

- What do you think God might be saying to you in these verses about embracing equity?
- What encouragement or challenge is there for you?

## Further discussion

- What does this tell you about God?
- What does this tell you about people?
- What do you like about these verses?
- What questions do these verses raise for you?
- Colossians 3:14 says, "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." How does this verse relate to the verses from Galatians 3?

## Pray

- What is something or who is someone you are grateful for today?
- Share with God a question or concern that you have.
- How do you need God to help you this week?
- How would you ask God to support others in your group?

