

The Gospel From every Angle

Gospel as Adoption

Romans 8:14-17

TALK IT OVER

Passages

14 "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." – Romans 8:14-17(ESV)

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Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- When is our next outreach party? See page 4 for ideas
- If the preacher had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Romans 8:14-17. What in this passage is difficult for you, comforting for you, resonates with you?
- How does adoption as Sons/Daughters set us free? What do you think is the significance in being able to call God Abba! Father!

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Do you know anyone who is adopted or has adopted a child? What is special about adoptions? What is hard about them? Why do you think the word adoption is used here when it comes to our relationship with God?
- What freedom do you feel as a child of God? What gifts are we given as children of God? What comfort can we find in God's adopting of us?

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- When you wake up each morning say to yourself, "I am a child of God."
- Jesus desires that we are doers of the word, and not hearers only. Please create an "I will" or "I believe" statement that describes how you will take action based on today's biblical teaching.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.