

Group Chat

SUMMARY

Faithful Imitation

God does more than forgive and justify Christians; in Christ he adopts us into his family as his children. That new identity does not eliminate the call to pursue holiness—it changes the reason and manner in which we pursue it. Christians trust and try: we rest in the Father’s love and acceptance while actively fighting sin and learning to live like his children.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Galatians 4:4-7. According to these verses, what does adoption add to our understanding of salvation? What is different about being received by God not only as a forgiven sinner, but as a son and heir?
2. Read Ephesians 5:1-2. Paul does not simply say, “Be imitators of God,” but “be imitators of God, as beloved children.” Why does that phrase matter?
3. Read 2 Peter 1:3-8. Sanctification is the lifelong process by which God makes Christians increasingly holy and Christlike. According to these verses, Christians should make every effort to add to our Christlikeness within the process of sanctification. What are some efforts that you are making, or need to make? Feel free to use these verses as a menu!

