

## I am Adopted

### Discussion Questions:

What are some positive thoughts or ideas that come to mind when you hear the word “adoption”? What are some negative thoughts or ideas that come to mind when you hear the word “adoption”? What are some basic differences between fostering and adoption? When we say God has adopted us, why is that different than if God “fostered” us? What are the ramifications?

Like the prodigal son receiving a signet ring, one of the benefits of adoption is the right to do business on behalf of the family. What are some ways we can “do business” on God’s behalf? Where and how do we have spiritual authority as children of God? Tell of a time you accessed and used this authority.

At adoption, we receive the Holy Spirit. Why is that important? What makes it a good thing? What are some of the benefits of receiving the Holy Spirit?

We discussed “family-isms”, and how people of the same family often have similar traits and habits. What are some traits or habits all Christians share? What are some that all Christians should share, but many do not?

What does the fact that God is both our Heavenly Father *and* our “Abba” mean to you? How do you cultivate your personal and intimate relationship with God as your “daddy”? What have you found helpful in that way?

Deuteronomy 8:5 talks about how God disciplines us as His children. Why is this a good thing? When was a time God disciplined you? What would think or do if He did not discipline you?

Romans 1:7 promises us both grace and peace. If you had to pick only one, which would you prefer – grace or peace? Why that one? What would be the result of having grace from God, but no peace with God? What would be the result of have peace with God, but without grace?

We listed many benefits of being adopted by God. Which of these benefits resonates the deepest with you? Why that one? What is it about your life or story that makes that one special?

If you were to truly embrace that particular benefit, and live it as a reality, how would your life be different?

Is God truly your Father? Have you come to God through faith in Christ? If not, what is stopping you from accepting His offer of adoption into His family?