

Week 4- "His Children"

We live in a world where everything around us tries to label and define us. Oftentimes without realizing it we accept the labels placed on us and they end up defining our lives and can keep us from being who God has made us to be. In this week's message, We discover that Christianity clearly teaches that God calls us His children and how this has the power to change the way we see ourselves and how we relate to God.

Read Luke 15:11-32

In the message, Justin shared that there are 2 primary things that we believe that keep us from resting in and accepting that we are God's children:

- 1. Our sin: we beat ourselves up when we mess up and believe we have to earn our way back to God.
- 2. Our attempts to please God: *Our attempts to serve Him, and be morally good enough.*
- 1. What do you believe God calls you?
- 2. Do you see yourself as a sinner who can't please Him, or as a servant that has to please him? Why do you think that is?
- 3. In what ways are you allowing your attempts to please God keep you from living in the joy and rest of being God's child?
- 4. How would your life be impacted if you could rest in the reality that through faith in Jesus you are defined by Him and not your sin, or your attempts to earn His grace?

Jesus made it clear If you have trusted Him then God calls you His Son, His Daughter. Would you take time this week to really ask the Holy Spirit to help you rest in how God defines you instead of your attempts to earn His love and grace.