



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A FREE HUMANITY- PART 7

QUESTION 1

Get-to-know-me

What was your relationship with your parents like (i.e., distant, close, antagonistic, loving, formal, personal, taxing, healing)?

How does your relationship with your parents influence your view of God as Father, and you as his son/daughter?

QUESTION 2

Into-the-Bible

Read Galatians 4:1-7

What stands out to you in these verses? What makes you curious?

A conversation with a neighbor turns to spiritual things. At one point your neighbor exclaims, “Well, I believe we’re all children of God. He created us all and loves us all, whether we’re Christian, Jewish, Hindu, or Muslim.” How would you respond, taking into consideration the truths expressed in Galatians 3:26-4:7?

What does it mean that God has adopted you? How does the Holy Spirit confirm this fact in your life?

QUESTION 3

Take-it-home

The term “Abba” in Gal. 4:6 is a term used in Jesus’ first recorded sentence (Luke 2:49). It is the first word of the prodigal son when he returned home (Luke 15:21). It is the first word of the Lord’s prayer and the Prayer in Gethsemane. And it is the first and last word from the cross (Luke 23:34, 46). How do these crossreferences expand your appreciation and understanding of your ability to call God, “Abba?” How should such intimate terminology affect your prayers?