



## GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What's the difference between being justified and being adopted?
2. What does the timing of Christ's coming teach you about God's providence in the world and in redemption? What does it mean to you that Jesus came at just the right time?
3. Could anyone other than Jesus have reconciled us to God? Explain your answer.
4. How might seeing one's fundamental identity as biological undermine the gospel? Why would this have been a strong temptation for Jews in Paul's day?
5. Identify the problem with the following statement: "God adopts us because we deserve a better life."
6. How should the new identity of a follower of Christ affect his or her battle with sin? What about fear? Covetousness? Divisiveness? Why should the doctrine of adoption inspire greater prayer and deeper worship?
7. How would you respond to someone who said that God is the Father of everyone, regardless of their faith?
8. Could intimacy with God as your Father naturally lead to a low or irreverent view of God? Explain.
9. How should the doctrine of adoption impact the way we view others in the church? Do you think most people in your church view the church as a family, an event, or a building? Why?
  - a. What can you personally do to help correct or maintain a right view?
10. Paul speaks of the inheritance believers receive by virtue of their adoption. List some of these privileges.