

GOD IS FOR US

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Week 3: Child of God

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As adopted children of God...

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2. He _____ you

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3. He _____ you

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REVIEW IT

“A Christian is one who has God as Father... If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father.” J.I. Packer. Scripture is constantly reminding us of the adoption that took place when we trusted in Christ. Because, those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God and are co-heirs with Christ. As adopted children of God, He leads you, He hears you, He assures you, and He shares His inheritance with you.

Spend some time in the word... Look up each of these verses: Matthew 6:9; John 1:12; Matthew 5:9; 1 John 3:1; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 3:26; 1 John 5:2; Luke 15:11-32

TALK ABOUT IT

- If this message were to be delivered again, what would you say needs to be absolutely included again?
- Which of the four points of these four verses is most meaningful to you?
- What does it mean to you personally to call God Father?

ACT ON IT

From verses 14-17: Pray to God as your “Abba, Father” this week by addressing him as “Abba, Father” in your prayers, by talking to him about your simplest needs and your deepest hurts and by thanking him that because of Jesus you are his child and his heir.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask for prayer requests from each person in the group that you can pray for during this study.