

LIFE Study Notes

Adopted into the family W/C 8th Nov 2020

Many adopted children, when they are older, go to great lengths to try and discover their biological parents. Having a sense of identity and belonging is so important. As Christians we are adopted, it's the only way in which we become part of God's family. However, our adoption is more than just becoming children of God, we also become heirs, inheritors of all the rights, privileges and blessings of the one to whom we belong.



Ice Breaker: Were you adopted or do you know anyone who is? What did it mean for them to be adopted?



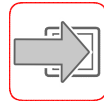
UP: Spend some time in worship: You might like to choose a song to play or plan an alternative act of worship that is appropriate to your group.



UP: Looking at God's word together:
Read: Galatians 3:26-4:7

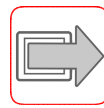
Discussion Questions

1. From the passage, what do you understand to be the purpose of the mosaic law (This was supremely the 10 commandments, but also included the other laws detailed in the first 5 books of the Old Testament)?
2. Why don't we need the supervision of the law once we put our trust in Christ?
3. What happened when we were baptised into Christ?
4. What happens to our status once we are 'in Christ'? What does this tell us about how we are to view one another in our churches?
5. What contrasts do you see between being 'under the law' and being a child of God?
6. What is so significant about the Spirit enabling us to call God 'Abba, Father'?
7. What rights and privileges do we have in being adopted by God?



IN: Spend some time in prayer.

- **Encourage the members of the group to join in with the Wednesday evening prayer meetings.**
- Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.
- Pray for our missionary links.
- Pray for the financial challenges faced by the church.
- Pray for the leadership team as they seek wisdom in leading the church.
- Pray that we all might grow to know Jesus more and gain a passion to make Him known to others.



OUT: How would you explain the concept of 'sonship' to someone outside of the church?