



GOOD NEWS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JESUS IS KING

Intro

In subsets if needed

15 Minutes

CARE

Looking back on the last week, what is one thing for which you're thankful and one thing for which we can pray?

Pray.

FOCUS

Today we're placing our attention on Romans 8:1-17. Here we discover the importance being adopted into the family of God.

Focus your time and attention on helping the group understand the significance of being adopted into God's family and how it impacts you daily.

Read and reread

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. Romans 8:1-17 (ESV)

Discuss

30 Minutes

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What is the main idea of this passage?

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In our passage today, we see that people can set their minds on the things of the flesh or things of the Spirit (v 5-6). What are some things of the flesh that people wrongly dwell on? What about things of the Spirit?

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Those who have placed their trust in Jesus are adopted daughters and sons (v 14). What significance does that hold for you in the future? What significance does that make here and now?

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Paul contrasts the idea of slavery with the idea of sonship in v 14-15. What is the difference in the way a servant would treat the head of the house compared to how a child would? Can you find any comparable illustrations in our world today?

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The term “Abba” is a very intimate form of the word “Father”. Does this impact how you feel about God’s love and concern for you? Do you pray differently knowing that God is an intimate and caring Father? If so, how?

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Why is it important to understand that faith in Jesus gives a person the status of coheir (v 17)?

Obey

10 Minutes

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Are there any principles to apply or commands to obey from our passages today?

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Is there something you need to do - and/or - someone you need to tell in response to what you've learned today?

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Prayer of Commission