



Adopted – Lent Week 3

Connect Guide March 3 and 4

Take this paper and take the sermon home with you. Reflect on the passage and discussion questions. Consider how to apply the message to your life. Study alone or gather a group. This guide will enrich and encourage you on your path to discipleship and deepen your relationship with God

Scripture

Romans 8: 14-17 ... *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*



Discuss

1. Have you ever been adopted into a family or group of people? What was that like? Do you know of others who are adopted a person or pet? How does it work?
2. Read Romans chapter 8 in its entirety. This sermon series digs deep into studying this powerful passage. What are some things you learned last week about who YOU ARE?
3. Paul, the writer of Romans, was a citizen of two groups. Which two groups? How was he accepted or rejected by each? See the Romans passage and Acts 21:27-22:21 for details.
4. Pastor Rich said the Gentiles of Rome “no longer identify with who threw them out but who picked them up. And so can you.” Have you ever felt discarded? Who are some people who may feel discarded? How can we invite and include them in the family of God?
5. How does this passage remind you of the importance of communion? Who belongs at the table?
6. Read Acts 1:14. If you are praying at 1:14 for our church, consider this week praying for our ability to SERVE. Our serve ministries are vast and include (but, is not limited to), mission’s teams, hospitality teams, technical teams, kitchen teams, children and youth workers.

Apply

God knows your identity; the real you, the best you. And He’s waiting for you to live into it. When did God remind you that you are His? Never? Sometime in the past? Today? This is your time to know you are His adopted son or daughter. Reflect this week on a word, a time, a person -- that is a meaningful reminder that you are ADOPTED!

Prayer

God, this is us. We confess that we have not always lived into your standards or purposes. Lord, we acknowledge that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thank you for loving us just as we are. Teach and guide us as we journey through the season of Lent to find, know and proclaim our identity in YOU and you alone. In Jesus Name, Amen.