



## Small Group Guide – May 10

*Masterpiece: Co-Heirs*

**Date:** May 10, 2026

**Focus Passage(s):** Galatians 4:1-7

**Theme:** Through Jesus, we are not just forgiven. We are adopted into God’s family as His children and co-heirs.

### **Suggested Schedule (60 minutes total)**

Segment	Time	Description
Icebreaker	10 min	Get comfortable, begin connecting
Intro/Recap	5 min	Read the key passages for the week
Group Discussion	25 min	Dive into Scripture and discuss application
Deeper Dive Option	5–10 min	Deeper Bible study or individual challenge
Prayer & Requests	10–15 min	Close in prayer for growth + personal needs

### **Welcome + Icebreaker (10 min)**

What is one family tradition or memory that has shaped who you are?

Have you ever been part of a group, team, or community where you truly felt like you belonged?  
What made it meaningful?

### **Key Message Recap**

We are continuing our Masterpiece series, discovering who God says we are and talking about what it means to not just believe in God, but to belong to Him as part of His family.

Read Galatians 4:4-7 together.

What stands out to you most about the idea of being adopted into God’s family?

## Discussion Questions (25 min)

### Slavery vs Sonship:

Read Galatians 4:3-5.

What does Paul mean by describing life before Jesus as slavery?

Why do people often drift back toward performance, fear, or rule-following instead of freedom?

How does adoption into God's family change our identity?

**Key Truth:** Jesus sets us free not just from sin, but into belonging.

### Belonging to God's Family:

What does true belonging mean to you?

Why do so many people struggle to feel like they belong?

How does being called God's child challenge worldly definitions of worth?

**Key Truth:** In Christ, you are chosen, adopted, and secure.

### The Gift of the Holy Spirit:

Read Galatians 4:6.

What role does the Holy Spirit play in our identity?

How does God's Spirit help us live as His children?

How have you personally experienced God's guidance, conviction, or encouragement?

**Key Truth:** God does not just adopt us. He empowers us.

### Access to God:

Paul says we can call God "Abba, Father." Why is this intimate language so significant?

Do you tend to approach God more like a distant judge or a loving Father? Why?

What might change if you fully embraced your access to God?

**Key Truth:** As God's children, we have direct and intimate access to Him.

## **Prayer and Relationship:**

The message encourages us to:

Be Real  
Be Regular  
Be Receptive

Which of these feels easiest for you? Which is hardest?

How can prayer become more relational and less routine?

**Key Truth:** Children of God are invited into real relationship with Him.

## **Real-life Application**

Many of us live like spiritual guests instead of beloved children. But through Jesus, God has given us belonging, inheritance, and access.

Are you living like someone who belongs to God's family, or someone still trying to earn your place?

## ***Next Steps Challenge***

This week:

Spend intentional time talking to God as your Father.

Practice being real, regular, and receptive in prayer.

Reflect on areas where you are still living like a slave instead of a child.

What would it look like for you to fully live from your identity as God's child?

## **Prayer**

Belonging-Focused Prayer:

Thank God for adopting you into His family. Confess areas where you struggle to trust your identity.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live confidently as God's child. Pray for deeper intimacy with God.

Pray specifically for belonging, healing, and deeper faith. You are no longer a slave. **You are God's child. You belong, not because you earned it, but because God chose you.**

## Deeper Dive Character Study: Mephibosheth

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9

Mephibosheth was the grandson of Saul, living in obscurity and brokenness, yet King David unexpectedly welcomed him into the royal family.

His story beautifully reflects adoption, grace, belonging, and inheritance.

### *Key Moments*

Broken Identity – 2 Samuel 9:3, 8

Mephibosheth saw himself as unworthy and forgotten.

Unexpected Invitation – 2 Samuel 9:7

David invites him to live in the palace.

A Seat at the Table – 2 Samuel 9:9-10

Mephibosheth eats regularly at the king's table "like one of the king's sons."

### *Discussion Questions*

Why do you think Mephibosheth may have struggled to accept David's kindness?

How do people today often struggle to accept God's grace and belonging?

What does it mean to move from brokenness into belonging?

How does this story reflect our adoption into God's family?

In what ways do you still live like an outsider instead of a child of God?

### *Key Takeaways*

Grace invites us into belonging.

God's love is not based on worthiness.

Adoption changes identity.

We are welcomed to God's table.

Just like Mephibosheth, many of us may feel broken, forgotten, or unworthy. But God's invitation is greater than our past. Through Jesus, we are welcomed into God's family, given a place at His table, and called His own. You are not an outsider. You are a co-heir in the Kingdom of God.