Adopted by God

November 12, 2023 | Galatians 3:19-4:7 | Pastor Mike Foster

- **Recognize your need for adoption (3:19-25)**

- **Receive the gift of adoption (3:26-4:5)**

- **Enjoy the blessings of adoption (4:6-7)**

- **Share in the Father's heart for adoption**

Group Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In your own words, explain the biblical doctrine of adoption.
3. Read Romans 5:12 and 20-21. How did you personally come to recognize your sinfulness and need for Christ?
4. Read Galatians 3:13-14 and 4:4-5. In your own words, summarize the work of Christ for us to secure our adoption.
5. Read Galatians 4:6-7. What is the difference between a son and a slave? What are some specific ways our lives as sons and daughters of God should look different than as if we were slaves?
6. Read Romans 8:14-17. Describe what it has been like you to relate with God as a "father"? Do you know God in this way?
7. Read 1 John 3:1-3. Who is someone you know who especially enjoys being a son or daughter of God? What stands out to you about that person's relationship with their heavenly father?
8. Read Psalm 68:5-6 and Psalm 146:6-9. What do you observe about God in these passages?
9. What are some practical way you can share in the Father's heart for children who are orphaned or in foster care? How would a family know if the Lord was leading them to adopt or foster a child?
10. Spend some time praying for children in our world without families, and for the Lord to raise up his church to be the arms of Jesus.

For Further Reflection

Read the book of Galatians, Romans 8:14-25, John 1:12-13, 1 John 3:1-3, Psalm 68:5-6, Psalm 146:6-9, James 1:27
Study the book of Galatians – https://bit.ly/galatiansTGC
Read about our adoption – https://bit.ly/adoptedbyGod
Read about our sonship – https://bit.ly/oursonship
Listen to "No Longer Slaves" – https://bit.ly/nolngerslaves
Listen to "The Adoption Song" – https://bit.ly/adoptionsong
Listen to "When Love Takes You In" - https://bit.ly/lovetakesyouin
Read *Fields of the Fatherless* by Tom Davis – https://buildingfamiliesforchildren.org/
Connect with Foster the Family DC – https://www.fosterthefamilydc.org/
Connect with Building Families for Children – https://buildingfamiliesforchildren.org/
Connect with Lifesong for Orphans – https://lifesong.org/