

WEEK TWO

WHO ARE WE?

WATCH *Identity: Sonship*

Big Idea

Many of us have some confusion about our spiritual identity. We are not slaves to God, but rather, sons and daughters. Romans 8:17 says, “Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God, and co-heirs with Christ...” So, not only are we God’s children, but we are heirs of His kingdom. The invitation to be adopted into God’s family is open and available to everyone through Jesus Christ.

But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir.

GALATIANS 4:4-7 NIV

Discussion

- Discuss the difference between approaching God as your master versus as your father. Has this message changed the way you think about God? If so, how?
- Romans 8:17 states, “Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God, and co-heirs with Christ...” What does being an heir of God mean to you?
- What, if anything, stands in the way of viewing yourself as an heir? What can you do to remove the barriers?
- Talk about a time when you attempted to love someone out of duty, rather than out of your genuine care for them. Explain what that was like for you. How should your devotion to God impact how you love other people?

Prayer Focus

Pray this week using Philippians 2:12-13 – “Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.” Pray each day that you will be driven by devotion and not duty.

Next Steps

In our pursuit of God, we sometimes have a tendency to try to work our way into salvation. Identify one step you can take this week to focus more on Jesus and less on your own actions.

Notes
