

Trinity || Why is God called Father? Week 2

Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

Prior to Jesus, no one called the Almighty, most holy God, “Father”. It would have been not just unthinkable, but blasphemous. In fact, from the perspective of the law, Jesus was crucified not because of what he had done, but because of **who** he said he was...The Son of God. Yet, this is exactly what Jesus did for us. Through faith in him we become children of God. Jesus paved the way for us to be adopted into the family of God. This changes everything. It is an identity shift. It is a forever inheritance. It is an adoption into the royal family.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. Words matter! Describe a time when someone’s words made a significant impact on you.
2. What are some words that you would use to describe the ideal parent?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend’s teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to you to call God “Father?”
2. “The goal of life is not to just get into heaven after we die, God wants to get heaven into you now” - what does that quote mean to you? How do you get “heaven into you?”
3. Read [Galatians 4:1-7](#);
 - How do these verses make you feel about your relationship with God the Father?
4. Read [Romans 8:14-17](#).
 - In Roman culture, the adopted person lost all rights in their old family and gained all the rights and privileges of a child in their new family. What do you notice about the privileges we receive as adopted children into God’s family?
5. Think of someone whose relationship with God you admire. What about their relationship with Him is so appealing?
6. How is your relationship with God?
 - What are some things you do (or could do) to invest in your relationship with Him?

PRAYER

Go around your group and ask for prayer requests. Pray we would recognize that we are children of God and that he desires a relationship with us. Pray for God to show us opportunities to grow in our relationship with Him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fall break is right around the corner if you have kids in school. If so, decide if your group is going to take a week or two off during fall break.