

Buzzwords: Week 4

Growth Group Opener:

***Have you ever inherited something from a relative who has passed away?
How did the meaning of that item change after it was given to you?***

Read: Romans 8: 14-17; 8: 29-30; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

In these passages, we see that justification and adoption go hand in hand. Let's look deeper about what this means for the life of a believer.

Look up and write out the definition of justification.

Look up and write out the definition of forgiveness.

How does justification differ from forgiveness?

Under Roman law, in the context this letter was written in, a father could disown a biological child, but a father could never disown an adopted child. The connection was a choice, permanent and unbreakable.

How does this concept of adoption play out in the life of a believer?

-How does it change the way you look at your relationship with God?

-How should it change the way we move in the world and interact with others, both inside and outside the church?

-How does it change our inheritance?

From the passage in 2 Corinthians, how does our responsibility change as adoptees?

What does it mean to regard no one from a worldly point of view?

How should that change our perspective?

What can we learn about God from these passages?

Is there anything you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to look at more closely?

Prayer:

Father, you are holy, you are good, and you are kind. Thank you for erasing our sins through the blood of your son, so that we can be a part of your family. Help us to wear your name well, loving as you do, and extending the same grace to others that we have been given ourselves. In the name of Jesus, amen.