

Galatians 4:4-7 | Adoption

Study Questions from 22.10.2023 sermon

Vox pop

- i. If you went to Broad Street and did a survey asking people "What do you think God is like?", what do you think people would say?
- ii. As you grew up, what was your perception of God?

Adoption

- iii. Read Galatians 4:5. This verse tells us that when we are saved we are adopted. What is especially important about the words 'sonship' and 'Abba' in the verse?
- iv. Look at the picture below. How would you use the picture to explain the doctrine of adoption to a nonChristian?



Blessing & enjoyment

- v. As our Father, we know God wants to bless us. Read Mt. 7:9-11 and Rom. 8:28. Discuss how these verses apply when suffering comes into our lives.
- vi. God invites us to enjoy him. How do you enjoy God? What things do you do? Share with the group.
- vii. Renounce and believe out loud together the lies and truths below/overleaf.

Pray

- viii. Finish with a time of prayer: pray for one another and current needs, listen to the Holy Spirit and pray over what you've learned.

Say these out loud together

I RENOUNCE THE LIE THAT MY FATHER GOD IS:	I BELIEVE THE TRUTH THAT MY FATHER IS:
Distant & uninterested in me	Intimate & involved (Ps. 139:1-18)
Insensitive & uncaring	Kind & compassionate (Ps. 103:8-14)
Stern & demeaning	Accepting & delights in me (Rom. 15:7; Zeph. 3:17)
Passive & cold	Warm & affectionate (Is. 40:11; Hos. 11:3-4)
Impatient, angry or never satisfied with what I do	Patient & slow to anger & delights in those who put their hope in His unfailing love (Ex. 34:6; 2 Pet. 3:9; Ps. 147:11)
Mean, cruel or abusive	Loving, gentle, protective (Jer. 31:3; Is. 42:3)