

Acts 2:42 Community Group Homework

For the week of January 24, 2010

1. You have no responsibilities next Saturday. You get to spend the day exactly as you wish. What will your day look like?

Into the Bible

The two major passages that teach about our spiritual adoption are Romans 8:14-25 and Galatians 4:1-6. Read those passages for the following questions.

2. What are the “benefits” of adoption? Don’t miss a peculiar benefit in Romans 8:17.
3. Both Romans 8:15 and Galatians 4:6 tell us that we have the right to call God our “Abba Father.” What does that show about our relationship with God now? How about before we became “children of God”.
4. Romans 8 and Galatians 4 teach us that we are now the children of God, and yet Romans 8:23 implies that the process isn’t complete yet. So adoption is somehow past, present, and future. When is adoption completed? How was that truth reflected in Paul’s outlook on life now?

Application

5. Take a moment and look back over the principles from this week’s sermon. Did any of these principles surprise, excite, depress or amaze you? Explain.
6. Pastor Mike pointed out that the world often views children as a burden or novelty (or sometimes an object of worship!). Can you think of examples?
7. Do you think the world’s view of children affected believers and churches? How?

8. Is adoption the only way to use family as a “tool?” How else can families, young and old, expand the God-given purpose for the family?

9. Pastor Mike used the phrase, “foster a culture of adoption.” Discuss what that would look like at Willow Creek?

Prayer Requests

Family Worship

Day One

Read: Matthew 2

Discuss:

Praise:

Pray: *Missionaries*

Learn: Philippians 1:27

Day Two

Read: Exodus 17

Discuss: According to verse 7, how did the people test God? Do we ever test God?

Learn: Philippians 1:27

Praise:

Pray: *Pastors and church ministries*

Day Three

Read: Proverbs 17

Discuss: Which proverb stuck out to you today? Why?

Learn: Philippians 1:27

Praise:

Pray: *Government and military*

Day Four

Read: 1 Corinthians 2

Discuss: How does Paul's example encourage us when we serve?

Learn: Philippians 1:27

Praise:

Pray: *Friends and family*

Day Five

Read: 1 Corinthians 3

Discuss: Verses 21-23

Learn: Philippians 1:27

Praise:

Pray: *Friends and family*

Adoption: A Matter Close to God's Heart
Romans 8:15, 23

*Theme: Creating a culture of adoption reflective
of the character of God*

Introduction:

I. What is _____ adoption?

A. Confusion:

B. Clarity:

II. How does _____ adoption work?

A. It _____ as a spiritual _____

B. It _____ with a rich _____ history

C. It _____ as a _____ in our _____

III. How does _____ adoption motivate _____ adoption?

1. It _____ us to value _____ and _____

2. It _____ the God-given _____ for the _____

3. It _____ us into _____ missions _____

4. It _____ tangible _____ to God for our _____

5. It _____ a biblical mandate of being _____ and
not just _____

Conclusions and Applications: