



All In The Family

Romans 8:14-17

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A son of God...

1. What does it mean to be “a son of God”?
2. We become a son of God because God graciously chooses us and not because we choose God. True False

...is led by the spirit of God (verse 14)

1. What does it mean to be “led by the Spirit of God”?
2. Consider Galatians 5:16-25. What will be evident in our lives as we are led by the Spirit? Why?
3. These days, what are you doing that allows you to be led by the Spirit?

...is not a slave (verse 15a)

1. How are slavery and fear tied together?
2. Is it possible for a son of God to live in fear? Why or why not?
3. What might a son of God be fearful of?
4. Consider 1 John 4:18. What does fear have to do with condemnation and punishment? What truths about God’s relationship with us (his love) can help us to live with our fear?

...is adopted (verse 15b)

1. Do you think it’s difficult for families to overcome the differences between adopted children and natural born children? Why or why not?
2. Consider John 3:1-6 (especially verse 6). How does our adoption as sons of God differ from a legal process of adoption?
3. How might God’s version of adoption be of encouragement to you?

...is never alone (verse 16)

1. From today’s message, what does it mean that, “*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit*”?
2. What does this “bearing witness” say about the intimacy of our relationship with God?
3. Why is a son of God never alone?
4. In the times when you feel alone, how might God’s nearness be of encouragement to you?

...is an heir of God (verse 17)

1. What does it mean to you personally to be an heir of God?

Two last questions...

1. Who’s child are you?
2. What does this mean to you?

TAKE HOME QUESTIONS: If you had to pick just one insight from this study that speaks specifically to you, what would it be? Why? How do you plan to respond to it this week?