

Sermon Notes
“The Gift of Adoption” (Rom 8:15-17)
Mar 12, 2023

➤ **Salvation of ‘fear’ (8:15a)**

Seeking rescue in: _____

➤ **Unconditional gift of belonging (8:15b-17)**

Adoption (15b): **Child** _____
Father _____

Intense intimacy (16): Calling out

Inner confirmation

Shared sonship (17): Suffering

Glory

➤ **Receive His offer (Gal 4:4-7; Lk 15:11-31)**

Shed the earthly shadow

Embrace Him

‘Father’: Power

‘Abba’: Intimacy

Discussion Questions

These questions are only a guide. Feel free to share how God has spoken to you, what areas you question &/or do not understand.
Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

Even if you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus, in what ways do you live a ‘salvation of fear’? How are you finding rescue and strength in places other than Jesus? Honestly, how is that going?

Consider the Greco-Roman process and result of adoption. In what ways is that your experience with God. What elements seem to be missing in your new life in the Holy Spirit?

Can you relate to the intense, intimate relationship Paul reveals in 8:15? Has your faith in Christ resulted in seeing God’s face and a spontaneous reaction of ‘Abba Father’? Is there anything missing?

What sense of assurance do you live with in your walk with Jesus? Has your spirit hear the voice of God about how He sees you, about who you are? What is preventing you from going deeper into life in Him?

Most people do not want to dig into their family history or the events of their own life. However, we must. How has your relationship with your parents, particularly your dad, impacted your concept of ‘Father’?

Regardless of your past, are you willing to re-define what a good father looks like? Can you allow God the Father be the definition of ‘father’ and receive Him as He defines Himself. What hang-ups are there in your life preventing you from deep intimacy with Him?
