



## Identity and Inheritance

### APPETIZER: "Who Am I?" (we come by it honestly!)

- 1) God appeared and spoke to Moses. And Moses asked:

"...who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Exodus 3:11

- 2) God promised Moses. And Moses asked:

"What if they do not believe me?"

Exodus 4:1

- 3) God proved himself to Moses. And Moses replied:

"...I am slow of speech and tongue."

Exodus 4:10

"The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and have it to the full" – Jesus

John 10:10



### DINE IN: "Who Am I In Christ?" (Paradigm Shift)

Romans 8:1-17

To be "in Christ" means that we have a paradigm shift for our lives. We don't need to ask "who am I?" anymore. Jesus answers that for us.

Adoption = Highest Status

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William M Ramsay

Galatians 4:1-7

Ephesians 1:1-14

### TAKE OUT: Embracing the Inheritance

Our ultimate identity is as a son and daughter of God. Because Jesus came to this earth to **show us God's love, shut down religion, save us from sin and set up God's Kingdom**, we can choose into a relationship with him, which means becoming a full heir to His inheritance. This is how He came to bring us life to the full.

**This week:** What identities in your life need a re-ordering (or need to be let go completely) so that Jesus is first? \_\_\_\_\_

Spend time this week reading through Psalm 139 as you ask God to remind you about who you are in Him.

NEXT WEEK: We begin our new series: Peacemakers: Reconciliation

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## Home Church Questions

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Share with each other a recap and highlights from the teaching this week. What stood out to you? What was new information? A good reminder?

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read Romans **8:1-17**
  - a. There's a lot packed into these verses. Break it down by sections (**v. 1-4, 5-13, 14-17**) and discuss things that stood out from each section.
  - b. Referring to the entire passage, make a list (either literally or figuratively) of the contrast between someone who is "in Christ" and someone who isn't.
  - c. What does it mean to be "led by the Spirit of God"? (**v 14**). (**v 11** may be of help). Also check out **Galatians 5:16-25**.
  - d. Paul calls us "co-heirs with Christ". What is our inheritance? (**check out Ephesians 1:11-14.**)
3. Now that we've looked at this passage, share with each other why this matters for your everyday life. Why are the words in Romans 8 significant and important for us?

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. Share with each other the identities that you take on.
5. Are there any that you know are preventing you from living first and foremost as a child of God?
6. Pray that during this week each of you would know more fully that you are God's son or daughter.

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## Quotes

Jesus came to announce to us that an identity based on success, popularity and power is a false identity- an illusion! Loudly and clearly he says: 'You are not what the world makes you; but you are children of God.'  
~Henri Nouwen

God loves each of us, as if there were only one of us.  
~St. Augustine

Spiritual identity means we are not what we do or what people say about us. And we are not what we have. We are the beloved daughters and sons of God.  
~Henri Nouwen

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Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.  
~ The Apostle Paul

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.  
~The Apostle Paul