



Gospel Power: Slavery and Sonship

Small group discussion guide for the sermon on Sunday, July 27.

Scripture:

Romans 8:12-17

Sermon Series: Gospel Power

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Key Takeaways

- Through the Holy Spirit, we move from a condition of slavery to sin to adoption as God's children.
- As an adopted child of God, you have full rights, privileges, and responsibilities.
- Suffering is part of our inheritance, but it's temporary compared to the eternal glory we'll share with Christ.

Discussion

1. How does understanding the Roman context of slavery and adoption enhance your understanding of this passage?
2. How does the concept of calling God "Abba, Father" impact your view of your relationship with Him?
3. How does the idea of being 'co-heirs with Christ' in both suffering and glory impact your view of hardships in your life? How might this perspective change the way you approach challenges?
4. How might embracing our identity as adopted children of God change the way we relate to others, especially those who are different from us or those we find difficult to love?

Practical Applications

1. Identify one area where you might still be "living like a slave" to your past. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you embrace your identity as God's child in this area.
2. If you're struggling with a particular sin, spend time meditating on Romans 8:13. Ask the Holy Spirit for strength to "put to death the misdeeds of the body."
3. Share your testimony of adoption into God's family with someone this week, emphasizing the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.