

CORNERSTONE **DISCIPLESHIP** GROUPS

THE SONS OF GOD

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OPENING PRAYER

Begin by asking God to reveal His Father-heart to each person and to help everyone understand their true identity as His beloved children.

RECAP OF LAST WEEK

KEY SCRIPTURES

1 John 3:1 "See what an incredible quality of love the Father has given...that we should be permitted to be named and called and counted the children of God, and so we are."

Romans 8:15-16 "You did not receive the spirit of religious duty...but you have received the spirit of full acceptance...our spirits join Him in saying...Abba, Father."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Understanding Our Identity

- Pastor Barry mentioned that a famous theologian said the central tenet of Christianity is "our identity as sons and daughters of God." Why do you think this is so foundational?
- What's the difference between knowing you're a Christian and truly understanding you're a child of God?

Religious Spirit vs. Spirit of Adoption

- The sermon contrasted a "religious spirit" with the "spirit of adoption." What are the characteristics of each?
- Have you ever struggled with viewing God as a distant taskmaster rather than a loving Father? What caused that perspective?
- How does the term "Abba" (Daddy/Papa) change your understanding of your relationship with God?

The Devil's Tactics

- Just as Satan tried to make Jesus doubt ("If you are the Son of God..."), how does the enemy try to make you doubt your identity as God's child?
- What are some lies you've believed about not being "good enough" or "measuring up"?

Slave → Servant → Son → Heir

- Discuss the progression: slave, servant, son, heir. Where do you tend to live in your relationship with God?
- What does it mean practically to live as an heir of God?

Creation Waits for Us

- Romans 8:19 says all creation waits for the sons of God to be revealed. What does this mean?
- How should understanding our identity as God's children affect how we exercise authority in spiritual warfare, our families, and our communities?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Your identity is a settled fact - You are named, called, and counted as God's child. No person, devil, or circumstance can change this.
2. Intimacy over religion - God doesn't want cold, distant religious duty. He wants an intimate Father-child relationship.
3. The Holy Spirit confirms our identity - The Spirit of adoption bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children.
4. We are joint heirs with Jesus - Everything that belongs to Jesus is available to us as joint heirs.
5. The world is waiting - Creation groans for believers to step into their identity and exercise godly authority.

CALL TO ACTION

Meditate on Identity

- Read Romans 8:14-19 daily
- Write down: "I am a child of God" and list what that means for your life

Practice Intimacy

- Spend time talking to God as "Abba" or "Papa"
- Share something personal with Him as you would with a loving father
- Journal about any difference this makes in your prayer life

Renew Your Mind

- Identify one lie the enemy has told you about your identity
- Find a scripture that contradicts that lie
- Speak the truth out loud throughout the week

Step Into Authority

- Identify one area where you've been living as a slave or servant instead of a son/daughter
- Make one decision this week based on your identity as an heir of God
- Share your testimony with someone

PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. On a scale of 1-10, how real is your identity as God's child to you? (1 = just head knowledge, 10 = deeply heart-convinced)
2. What would change in your life if you fully embraced that you are royalty—a son or daughter of the King?
3. Is there an area where you need to receive the "spirit of adoption" afresh?

CLOSING PRAYER

- Pray for revelation of God's Father-heart
- Pray for freedom from religious mindsets
- Pray for boldness to walk in our identity as God's children
- Pray for anyone struggling with assurance of salvation
- Pray for the manifestation of the sons and daughters of God in our generation

This week, every time you introduce yourself, silently remind yourself: "I am [your name], and I am a beloved child of God." Let this truth transform how you walk through every situation.