

Transition: Switching topics, Paul now moves on from talking about the Law, he now is showing the Galatians all the blessings that God the Father has given them through Jesus Christ. He uses the metaphor of an heir to explain the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant and in Gods perfect timing Jesus came.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does a shift from slave to sonship impact your view of your relationship with God?
2. What rights does a new son or daughter have when adopted into their new family?
3. When we were adopted into our new family of God, what changes did we have to make?
4. How does this concept of “when the set time had fully come” v.4, say about God's sovereignty and timing? Is this a difficult principle for you to grasp? Why?

Fundamental: We are all created by God and loved by Him, but we are not all “children of God” We were born in slavery until Jesus redeemed us. Then we received the Spirit of God and became heirs of God with all the rights of a son.

Homework/Challenge:

1. Share the message about adoption into God's family with someone, share how this truth has impacted you and your walk with God
2. Pray 5-10 mins. with intimacy- start your prayer with “Abba, Father”- focus on his closeness and love, he is not distant, remind yourself of that.

Discipleship Tip: When we claim our adoption, we no longer look back at our old life but rejoice and are thankful for our new life. You were not saved by good works. Therefore, do not trust in them. And do not become prideful when you do good deeds. Depend every day on Christ alone.

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, that You redeemed me from slavery to sonship; from the world of darkness to the World of Light. Help me to walk like a son of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In Jesus Name, Amen