

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

Date 11/10/24 **Adoption Sunday:** Bekah Stangarity, Cristian & Morgan Spencer, Madelyn Gehman, Keith Fox, Dr. Joseph & Marilou Strangarity

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Isaiah 1:17, Gal 3:23-4:7,

Isaiah 1:17: Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression, bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Galatians 3:23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave[a] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

4:1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave,[b] though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles[c] of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Other Passages: Isaiah 1:12-17, Ex. 34:6-7, James 1:27, Psalm 10,

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

- 1) Spend time reading Isaiah 1:12-17 as a group. What's your initial response to these words of God? Take time to pray and allow the Spirit to bring conviction and direction on how to receive these words.
- 2) Take time as a group to read Gal. 3:23-4:7, how does your life change knowing you are adopted as a child of God, no longer an orphan?
- 3) What thoughts and attitudes in your life may God be inviting you to change as you live in your identity as an adopted child?
- 4) At MBIC our mission is to initiate and nurture a growing relationship with Jesus. What are you doing specifically to help others initiate a relationship with Jesus? How are you helping others grow in their relationship with God?
- 5) As we enter the holiday spirit, take time to sit with a close friend and consider how you can reorient this season to focus more on God and caring for others.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS