



26 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26 (NLT)

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.
Galatians 4:4-7 (NIV)

We belong to God

Two choices we are consistently faced with:
Son or slave.

- The slave has a master.
- The son has a father.

15 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."

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
Romans 8:15-16 (NIV)

- The slave is an employee.
- The son is an heir.

17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...Romans 8:17 (NIV)

12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT)

- The slave is driven by duty.
- The son is driven by devotion.

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.

39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.

40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things,

42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better...Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

Our relationship with God is built on love and respect.

Notes:

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Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from Sundays Talk? Explain.
- First of all, these comparisons are between a slave and a child (son/ daughter). Talk about the differences between the two and their motivations in how they live.
- What is the difference between a master and a father? Do you see God as a task master or a Father figure? Explain.
- Talk about the difference between an employee and an heir? What is an heir?
- God's kingdom is our inheritance, do you feel you are actively contributing to that kingdom? Why or why not?
- There is a big difference between being driven by "duty" or "devotion", Talk about the differences and how grace is experienced in devotion.

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