

### The Heart of the Matter

12. What have you been enslaved to in your past? What new freedom have you found in Christ?

13. What does it mean to you that you have been adopted by your Heavenly Father?

14. How would you describe the hope that you now have because of Christ?

15. Who else in your sphere of influence would be comforted by the promise of being adopted by our Heavenly Father?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### The Grace of His Adoption Romans 8:12-25 For the Week of January 26, 2020

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Have you ever thought about adopting a child? What are some of the potential joys and difficulties associated with such a commitment?
3. In what ways is your body suffering decay as the years go by? What have you done to try to slow the process down?

### **Digging Deeper**

4. According to verse 12 Paul suggests that we have an obligation to keep God's Law. But since we are not made right with God through our works, what should be our motive for pursuing holiness?

5. According to verses 13-14, how are we to deal with our sinful nature? (Also see 6:13, 19)

6. What does it mean to be led by the Spirit in verse 14? How does the Spirit help us fight our battles? Do you have an example of how the Spirit has helped you?

7. In verses 15-17, how does Paul describe our new relationship to God through Christ? What are the implications of this new relationship?

8. If we consider what early Christians went through because of the Roman Empire, how would Paul's words be comforting in verse 18?

9. According to verses 19-21 what is all of creation waiting for? How would you describe this "groaning" that Paul describes that the world is experiencing in verse 22? What about our own personal groaning?

10. According to verses 22-25 what is the hope that we are all waiting for?

11. What is the most encouraging truth that you are holding on to from this passage?