



identity

Adoption - 2/23/2020

OVERVIEW

When we become a follower of Christ, we are adopted into His family as sons and daughters. We can then move from a mindset of scarcity into a mindset of abundance in Christ. The world tries to get us to continue operating within a life of fear, anxiety, jealousy, self-centeredness, and selfishness. Instead, the Father provides abundantly for us and we can rest in the fullness that He has to offer. This takes a conscious effort of changing and renewing our mind daily.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:5 (ESV), 1:14 (NLT); Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV); Romans 8:15-17 (ESV); Hebrews 9:15 (NLT); 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)

APPLICATION

- How has adoption affected your life? It could be your own personal story, or a close friend or family member's story.
- Emotions such as fear, jealousy, selfishness, self-centeredness, and anxiety are often birthed from a lack of Identity in Christ. Jeremy shared this is all part of a "scarcity" mentality. Which of these do you identify with the most in your life?
- With full surrender in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior you are adopted. Your inheritance will never change. You can have an "abundance" mindset characterized by trust, love, giving generously, celebration, service, and rest. If you are a child of God, how does your life reflect the "abundance" mindset? If you haven't fully put your trust in God, do you want to be adopted today?
- This week, how are you going to operate in an "abundance" mindset versus operating in a "scarcity" mindset?

HOMEWORK: "Target Fixation" means to give your attention to where you want to go. We need to fix our attention away from other things that are competing for our identity and turn our attention to the Creator. This week, renew your mind each day by reading Romans 8:31-39.