



Joy Came Down, Pt. 2: Joy From The Family

Sometimes the power of the Christmas story is found in the strangest of places. Tucked away in the small letter the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Galatia is a profound truth of the joy of what Jesus came to do.

Bottom Line: Joy is rooted in our identity in Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which best describes your family growing up: a) fun-loving, b) adventurous, c) war zone, d) always on the go, or e) a combination of which options?
2. How do you typically view your connection with God? a) as a friend, b) as a boss, c) as father, d) as a helper, e) as a stranger, or f) other _____.
3. When have you experienced a time when your timetable was different than God's? What did you learn? How did you navigate that season?
4. **Read Galatians 4:4-7.** Which verse speaks to you most? Why?
5. What was the most challenging idea/thought to you from the message?
6. What was the most helpful/encouraging thought or idea from the message this week? How did it help you?
7. How can the group encourage you this week?

Benefits of Adoption

Each day this week, take a couple of "adoption benefits" below and consider their implications in your life.

- We are no longer debtors, nor cursed (Galatians 3:13).
- We have received "new life" (Galatians 2:20).
- We are part of a new family (Galatians 4:5).
- We have received the Spirit (Galatians 4:6; 5:25).
- We have experienced a supernatural birth (John 1:12–13; Galatians 4:28–29).
- We have the promise of future resurrection of our bodies (Romans 8:23).
- We have the promise of a place in the future (John 14:2).
- We will be with Christ in eternity (John 14:3).
- We enjoy the same special relationship with God previously limited to Israel (Romans 9:4; Galatians 3:28).
- We receive immeasurable riches from God through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:5).

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.