

Series: Who Do You Think You Are? Week 3

I am a Child of God

Eph 4:22-24, Eph 4:25-5:15, Eph 5:1, 2 Cor 3:18,
Jn 1:12, 2 Cor 6:10, Rom 8:17

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Heart Crew Homework

For the week of September 13th & 14th

MY STORY

1. Life has a funny way of knocking us down sometimes. What's one moment that hit you hard but taught you something about yourself?
2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend, the truth we focused on is being a Child of God. We are reminded that being a child is our active identity in Christ. Have you ever struggled with the idea of God being your father in heaven? What does it mean to you that you are His child if you are in Christ?
2. In Christ, we are given what we do not deserve, as we learned last week. Sometimes, as Christians, we wrestle with believing what God has already declared over us. Let's dive into this passage together to be reminded about Christ and his character as a child of God. **John 13:1-17**

- a. Let's start with John 13:1-5. Particularly take note about where Jesus had been (v3). The place where he currently is in (v2). And the significance about where He is going to be (v1). Furthermore, note that God bestowed all power to the one who was about to be betrayed (v3).

With his stature and possessing all power, how does Jesus (the son of God) reflect & imitate the heart of God (the Father)?

- b. Have you ever been hesitant to accept something you didn't earn? Consider a time when you received an undeserved gift. Did it leave you feeling like you had to change your behavior to prove yourself worthy of it? In our walk with Jesus, do you ever feel pressure to "work harder" to measure up, even though He has already given you a new identity freely by grace? Notice Peter's tension in v6-10.

- c. In the context of the first century, foot washing was the job of a servant or the lowest position in the household. Jesus, as the son of God (possessing all power), demonstrated a powerful lesson in this story. He modeled how we are to live as children of God. What is one way you can live like a child of God who serves this week (v14-17)? John 13:10-17.

- 3. Let's look deeper at four privileges and tests that come with trusting God as His child. We'll approach each from a fresh perspective. Process the questions with your crew, then read the related passages together.

The Four Privileges:

- I. Acceptance:
 - a. Is there a circumstance in your life that Christ cannot redeem?
 - b. Read Romans 5:8, & 8:31-32, 38-39
- II. Access
 - a. When life hits, is Jesus not equipped to walk with you?
 - b. Read Heb 4:15, 2 Peter 1:3-4, & Psalm 46:1
- III. Growth:
 - a. Is your story not being written by the author and the perfecter of faith? Why do you doubt his identity for you?
 - b. Read Heb 12:2 & Eph 2:1
- IV. Inheritance:
 - a. Does the King of heaven's treasury not possess the resources that you need to be sustained today?
 - b. Read Eph 2:4-5 & 3:16

TAKING IT HOME

- a. You have been redeemed from death to life. In Christ, you are a child of God living from identity, not striving for one. Slowly read 1 John 3:1-3 and let the words sink in: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" This is your reality: you belong to Him, you have access to Him, and you carry the hope of Christ's return that shapes and purifies your life today. Walk confidently this week as His child. As a reminder, set a daily notification on your phone that declares: "I am a Child of God."