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Discovering who God says I am

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My Name Is
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Debrief Plan: 11/21/2021

Children of God

1 John 3:1, John 1:12-13

Introduction: If you want to truly understand who you are to God, you MUST come to grips with this crucial metaphor.

What does it mean to be a “child of God”?

- You are _____ by the Father. (1 Jn. 3:1, Jn. 3:16, Rom. 5:5, Eph. 2:4-5)
- You _____ in the Father’s _____. (Eph. 1:4b-6, Gal. 4:4-5, Jn. 1:12-13, Col. 1:12-13)
- You are the Father’s _____. (Gal. 4:6-7, Rom. 8:16-17)
 - You are a _____ of His _____. (Eph. 1:3, 11, 18, Col. 3:24, 1 Pet. 1:4)
 - You are a _____ of His _____. (Rom. 8:17)

How can you become a “child of God”?

- _____ the Son by _____. (Jn. 1:12, Gal. 3:26)

Conclusion: It’s amazing that God chose us to be His children, and even MORE amazing that He chose to wait to save us until we chose Him.

Icebreakers:

1. Share a favorite memory you have with one of your parents.
2. If you’re a parent, what is one way that having children has changed your life?

Sermon Summary: When God “named” us as His children, what He was telling us is that we are loved more than we could imagine, that we belong with Him in His family, and that we stand to benefit from the endless riches of His grace. The great mystery is that He gives us a part in our own adoption by calling us to receive Jesus by faith.

Discussion Questions:

**** You are Loved by the Father!***

1. How easy is it to believe that God truly loves you (on a scale of 1-10)? If you find it hard, what has made it hard for you? If you find it easy, what influences do you think made it easier for you to believe?
2. Many people have commented to me (Toby) that they find it easier to believe that God loves other people than it is for them to believe that God loves them personally. What are some of the reasons WHY that might be the case?
3. What proofs has God given us of His love? Which one means the most to you?

**** You Belong in the Father’s Family!***

4. Read Ephesians 1:4b-6. How does it feel to know that God has had his eye on you and determined you would be His child before you were even born?
5. What positive connotations go along with the idea of being “adopted” by God? Are there any possible negative connotations?

**** You are the Father’s Heir!***

6. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. What are some of the blessings that God has given to His “heirs” in this passage? Which means the most to you personally?
7. Part of the “inheritance” seems to come to us in eternity – what is involved in that and what part of it are you most looking forward to?

**** Receive the Son by Faith!***

8. Have you ever received Jesus into your life by faith? If you have, tell your group the story of how it happened.
9. What factors lead some people to decide NOT to receive Jesus?
10. Think of a few people you know who have not yet received Jesus by faith and take a couple of moments as a group to pray for them before heading home.