

STUDY GUIDE: “New Family”

Discussion Starters

1. Did you have a good relationship with your family growing up? (explain)

2. How is adoption relevant to the Christian becoming a child of God?

Study

3. In preparation for this study read Ephesians 2:11-22, Galatians 3:23-29, Ephesians 5:1-2, Romans 8:16-17, Hebrews 3:5-6

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Concordance. Strong's Concordance is a good tool and Blueletterbible.org is a good tool to use for online study. I have also included Strong's Reference numbers to assist you. The letter before the reference pertains to the original language (H-Hebrew, G-Greek).

If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“adoption” (Ephesians 1:5 Strong's Reference # g5206)—

--“children” (Romans 8:16 Strong's Reference # g5043)—

--“household” (Ephesians 2:19 Strong's Reference # g3609)—

--“worthy” (Matthew 10:37 Strong's Reference # g514)—

--“firm” (Hebrews 3:6 Strong's Reference # g949)—

5. What does Hebrews 12:5-10 teach us about God's dealings with His children? What does that show us about His character?

6. Read Mark 3:33-35 and Mark 10:28-30. What is Jesus saying about family and the kingdom of God here?

7. What does Romans 8:17-19 say about what a child of God can look forward to in the future? How should you respond to this?

Taking It Home

8. What does it mean to you to be a member of God's family?

9. How can you love and serve your brothers and sisters in Christ?