



14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. 17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. **Romans 8:14-17**

Icebreaker

Tell about a time you felt excited about a brand new idea, discovery or understanding.

Conversation Starters

1. Have you ever been wounded by the church like Juli was, when she was kicked out of church camp because her parents switched denominations?
2. Juli says her church wound caused her to relate to God as a hired hand or slave instead of as God's beloved child. Because she felt known, loved and like she belonged at camp and then was discarded she was left constantly asking questions like, Do I belong? Will I ever be good enough?
 - a. How did your church wound affect your relationship or walk with God? OR Do you ever relate to God as a hired hand instead of a beloved child?
3. What makes it difficult for you to claim your new status and new family as God's beloved child? What part of Romans 8:14-16 connects with you? Reminds you of who you are in Christ? If you don't belong to Christ, by faith in him, what is stopping you from coming to him as your Lord and Savior?
4. Can you relate to Juli's get in the right car analogy? How would you know if you were in the "wrong spiritual car?" What are your red flags to watch for?
5. If you are a "son" of God, what aspect of your adoption particularly thrills you today? What difference does it make to your thoughts, priorities or behavior today?
6. Say something about an aspect of God's glory you find fascinating. What would it look like to be a reflector of that part of God's glory?