

The King and His People
The Church: The Family of God
Romans 8:14-17
Sermon Notes for May 30, 2021

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Discussion/Study Guide for
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We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Look up and read John 1:12. According to this verse when does one become a part of God's family?
- Read Romans 8:14-17. What is the term that Paul uses to describe how we become children of God?
- What does adoption provide that justification (being declared righteous) and regeneration (being born again; becoming a new creation in Christ) don't provide?
- According to these verses what are some of the benefits that come with being adopted by God and having God as a Father?
- Sometimes people who have had unloving or cruel earthly fathers have found difficulty in accepting God and relating to Him as their heavenly father. How do the following verses help us relate to God as a father better? Hebrews 12:10; Matthew 7:11; Luke 11:13
- Go back to Romans 8:14-17. What is the Holy Spirit's role in helping us experience life in the family of God?
- If every believer is an adopted member in the family of God, how does that define our relationships in the church? How do you think an added appreciation of this idea of the church as a family would be helpful in our church right now?
- What do the following verses tell us about what it means for the Church to be the family of God? Acts 2:42-47; Romans 15:1-7; 1 John 3:16-17; 1 Timothy 5:1-2; Ephesians 4:31-5:2
- What specific ways can you demonstrate the benefits and implications of being a member of God's family in the relationships you have with people in church this week?
- Take a few minutes and talk to your "Dad" about whatever is on your heart in response to these truths.