

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

For the week of 3/31/2024

### For you as the Teacher/Host

Begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**Opener Question or Activity:** What adoption stories have you been a part of or been able to witness?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Romans 8:1-17

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.)*

Read over Romans 8:1-17

1. Romans 8:14 states, "for those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God". Who are the people in your life who have helped you most in being "led by God's Spirit"?
2. How did you become a Christian? What is your faith story?
3. What does it mean to be a child of God?  
Read John 1:12-13, Galatians 3:26-27, Galatians 4:1-7, 1 John 3:1-2 and explain what the text specifically says about those who are God's children.
4. How does our relationship with God, as children of God, impact our future (Galatians 4:1-7, 1 John 3:1-2)? What questions concerning your eternal security have you had? How do these verses provide comfort for you personally?
5. What would you say it means to "share in Christ's glory"(vs. 17)? (See also Phil. 3:20-21) What is the connection to the previous verses we've read?
6. Who in your life is in need of hearing more of the Easter story and understanding how they too, can become a child of God?

**Apply it today:** What was most important for you to remember today and why?