

BIG TRUTH: GOD'S FAMILY LIVES IN HOPE

Psalm 146:5; Colossians 1:27; Hebrews 6:18-19; Titus 2:11-13

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:23-25

“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in pains of childbirth until now. And not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

BIG IDEAS

- God’s children long for future adoption.
- God’s children depend on the Spirit.
- God’s children trust God’s perfect plan.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 8:18-30

UNITE - I AM PART OF A FAMILY

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- Family exists for God.
- Their heart was bought with a price.
- God is building His family through adoption.



Every student should feel...

- Broken over the ways that sin has fractured their family and the family of God.
- Hope that one day, their adoption as sons and daughters of God will be fully realized



Every student should strive to...

- Memorize Romans 8.
- Do one new thing each week to honor their parents or siblings.
- Find one new way to love and serve their church family.



Every student should want...

- To glorify God in their families.
- To see their family, and the church family, as gifts from God.
- To share the truth that Jesus made our adoption possible with someone

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it means to have hope in our future adoption. We will pray for a better understanding of our future hope and we will practice trusting God’s perfect plan for our lives each day.

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Read and meditate on Romans 8:18-30 this week.

As you read these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- What does it mean to be adopted into God's family? What hope does our future adoption into our eternal family bring to us today?
- How can you live in the truth that God's plans are always perfect? What are some lies you believe about God's plans for your life? Are there ways you do not trust God and His plan for your life?

Ponder some of the false ideas you have about God as the Father.

- Are there wrong ideas that influence the way you live for God? Do you long for your eternal home? How can you wait patiently for your future with God?



Spend time in prayer each day this week.

- Pray that you would grow in your desire and longing for your future adoption into God's family. Pray the Holy Spirit would guide you to live for God in obedience.
- Pray with your parents this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to live in the hope that you have in God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust God's perfect plan.



The world constantly tells us to trust our hearts, yet our hearts are deceptive.

- Look up Scriptures that speak about man's heart. Write these down and choose one or two to commit to memory this week.
- Discuss with your parents how you can better trust God's perfect plan for your life. Discuss some of your doubts or worries and how you can overcome those and trust what God is doing in your life.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can draw hope from the church.