

# SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

1 **Based on Romans 8:14, how do we know if we are children of God?** Restate the conditional statement in your own words.

⚙️ *What might it mean to “be led by the Spirit”? Does the immediate context in Romans 8 help you answer that question?*

2 **Is everyone a child of God?** Why or why not? Read John 1:12.

3 **Read Romans 8:15.** What are the differences between a god who rules through slavery and the God of the Bible Who rules as a Father.

⚙️ *What distinctions is Paul making between slavery and adoption?*

♥️ *Why did Paul use the word for “cry” in Romans 8:15? What other words could he have used?*

4 **If you are a child of God, what aspect of your adoption particularly thrills you today?**

♥️ *What difference will that make in your thoughts, priorities and behavior today?*

♥️ *How should your spiritual adoption affect your prayer life, your life in the church, your relationship with your heavenly Father?*

5 **What does it mean that we are heirs of God?**

📖 *We will be heirs with Christ of \_\_\_\_\_ . Read Romans 8:17, 4:13; 1 Cor. 3:21–23.*

📖 *We will \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, experiencing all kinds of hardship and pain in this life. Read Romans 8:14, 2 Corinthians 4:17,*

📖 *We will be made \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ. Read Romans 8:17, 28–30; Matt. 13:43.*

*Food for thought: “A little child has confidence. He does not analyze it... he knows that ‘Abba’ is his father. Grown-ups may be standing back at a distance and being very formal [with some great personage]; but the little child comes running in, rushes right in, and holds on to his father’s legs. He has a right that no-one else has... It is instinctive... we cry ‘Abba, Father:’” – D.M. Lloyd-Jones*

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## GOOD NEWS FOR THE FEARFUL

1. FOLLOW THE SPIRIT INTO \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14)

2. FOLLOW THE SPIRIT INTO \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15-16)

3. FOLLOW THE SPIRIT INTO \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17)