

Central Evangelical Church Cell Groups

Week beginning Sunday 25th May 2014

Living as a Christian: Adoption - Child or Servant

1. What insights, challenges etc. did you get from the sermon on Sunday morning?

Romans 8:14-17

2. Do you think that you truly think of yourself as a "Child of God" or is there always that nagging feeling that your "not good enough".

3. God says we "**are** the children of God" disagreeing with Him is unbelief. What brings us into this wonderful relationship? v14

4. The Spirit does not make us slave "so that you may live in fear again" - v15. Fear of what and do you find that the fact that you are God's Child is a support when you are tempted to fear?

5. v16 states that the Spirit testifies that we are God's Children and V17 tells us of the wonderful position that we now find ourselves in Co-heirs with Christ. There is, however a sting in the tail of v17 "if indeed we share in his sufferings". How do you think that this works out practically, in our lives in 21st century Scotland, today?

Galatians 3:26 - 4:7

6. vs26 & 27 tells us that we are God's Children through faith and talks about being baptised into Christ and clothed with Christ. What do you think this passage is talking about ?

7. v28 tells us that we are all one in Christ. Do you think this verse only refers, in the context of this chapter, to our position as children of God or do you think it also has wider implications for racial and gender equality etc.?

8. V6 tells us that it's the Spirit of God within us who "calls out Abba" - so our relationship with the Father is not dependent on ourselves only. How does it make you feel to be God's son and heir v7?

Hebrews 12:3-13

9. this passage tells us that, since we are Children of God, we should expect discipline. What form do you think this discipline will take?

v13 refers to Prov. 4:26 Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.