



Oakwood

CHURCH

April 3 Discussion Questions

“Gospel Family”

Romans 8:12-17

PREVIEW

“For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”
Romans 8:13-14

How to know you are a child of God:

1. You know the **Voice** of His Spirit (v. 9; John 10:4)
 - to comfort and convict (v. 6)
2. You **Obey** the leading of His Spirit (v. 13-14)
3. You feel the **Assurance** of His Spirit (v. 15-16)

“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.” Romans 8:16-17

OPEN IT

1. Since our topic today is on “Gospel Family,” share one of your favorite memories from your childhood with your family.

PRAY - Pray for God’s blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

READ IT — Romans 8:12-17

EXPLORE IT

2. What is the “so then” at the beginning of v.12 referring back to and building upon in the previous verses?
3. What action verbs are used in this passage? What imagery does that create in your mind?
4. What two types of spirits are referenced in v.15? What results from the influence of each?
5. What does Paul say results from being a child of God in v.17? What other blessings come to mind with being adopted into God’s family?

GET IT

6. How does adoption relate to assurance of salvation?
7. Why is assurance of salvation such an important doctrine? How might it be misunderstood?
8. How do v.13-14 connect to the way we should counsel a prodigal or professing Christian who exhibits no fruit of salvation?
9. Why would a perfectionist, praise-seeker, or Pharisee-minded Christian struggle with assurance of salvation? Can you relate to this?
10. How can you have internal confidence that you are a Christian? How has this looked in your life?
11. According to v.17, what essential role might suffering play in our salvation? What kind of suffering do you think is in view here? Might it be related to the fruit we produce?

APPLY IT

12. Would you define your spiritual life as more anxious or peaceful? Why do you think that is?
13. How are you being uniquely called to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit this week?
14. Who is someone you’d label as a prodigal that you’d invite your group to join in prayer for? What role might you play in this person’s progress toward genuine faith?

PRAY IT

- Personal Request: Pray we can experience the Spirit’s assurance that we are God’s children, forever secure in His family.
- Ministry: Pray for Emmanuel & Adunga Tahear serving with SIM Culture ConneXions as they strive to connect cultures with Christ and are involved in worldwide evangelism, mobilization, church planting, and compassion dentistry mission opportunities.