

*But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as his very own children. (Galatians 4:4-5)*

### 1. Adoption means I am chosen.

*God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins.*  
(Ephesians 1:5-7)

### 2. Adoption means I am valuable.

*God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom He paid was not mere gold or silver as you very well know. But He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. (1 Peter 1:18-19 LB)*

### 3. Adoption means I am loved.

*How great is the love the Father lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)*

*May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*  
(Ephesians 3:18-21)

### THE CHALLENGE: LIVE LIKE YOU ARE CHOSEN

*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:1-2)*

**What do I need to offer?**

**What do I need to sacrifice?**

**Icebreaker** (Choose 1 or more to get the conversation going)

1. Who is your favorite sports team?
2. What is the best gift you ever gave your mom on Mother's Day?

**Application Questions:** (Choose 3 or more to discuss)

1. **Read Galatians 4.** Discuss anything specific that stuck out to you. Engage conversation about what God is showing each LG member.

2. **Adoption means I am chosen.** We have all struggled with the feeling like we don't belong. Where have you struggled the most to feel like you belong? Have you doubted you belong in God's family? Why or why not?

God chose to adopt you into His family, what does that mean to you? What is something that you have chosen to add to your life recently that has brought you closer to God? What is something you have chosen to add that may be pushing you away from God?

3. **Adoption means I am valuable.** Pastor Micah highlighted that there was no expense too great for God to purchase us. Where do you see your value stemming from? How does this foundation of self worth stack up to what God says your worth is?

What do you place value in? How far are you willing to go to pursue the things you value? How does that pursuit match up with your pursuit of God?

4. **It wasn't our neighborhood.** As Pastor Micah and Lori unpacked the story of traveling to Ghana to pick up Eli the phrase, "It wasn't our neighborhood" summed up their initial response to being on the other side of the world. When is the last time you thought to yourself, "This isn't my neighborhood" when stepping out to help/serve someone else? What things are holding you back from getting uncomfortable for God?

5. **Read Ephesians 3:18-21.** What is preventing you from experiencing the love of God?

6. **What do I need to offer.** What did you feel God prompting you to offer?

7. **What do I need to sacrifice.** What did you feel God leading you to sacrifice?

### Closing

Pastor Micah mentioned that adoption isn't the answer for everyone but it is the answer for some. Close your LG time in prayer that God would show each LG member something and some way specific to them that they can offer and/or sacrifice to experience and give the love of God more deeply.