

CG Study Guide - 30 Aug, 2020

Series: Sonship

Text: Gal 3:26-29



This guide will help you facilitate a study of the Bible passage with a focus on applying God's truth to our lives together. Look at the Big Idea and Takeaway for our CGs sections at the beginning of the guide to keep the discussion focused. For a deeper dive into the passage, refer to the [text notes](#) on the passage.

Overview

Summary of Series

Through the gospel we have been adopted as God's dearly loved children who don't just have access to Him, but whom He loves and welcomes into His presence. Our hope for this series is to explore our faith through the lens of adoption, and for the members of RHC to move beyond a cognitive understanding of the gospel and our faith to a deep relational closeness with God that is expressed in enjoyment of fellowship with God, increasing prayer, and joy in our hearts before him.

Galatians 3:26-29

***26** for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. **27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

Our Fallen Condition

The temptation to base our identity as children of God in anything other than our union with Christ, such as our morality, physical circumstances, or comparison with others. The temptation to treat other Christians with contempt because we have not viewed our identity in Christ rightly.

Big Idea of the Text

We are all sons of God because we are baptised into Christ and have put on Christ.

Takeaway for our CGs

For our CGs to rejoice in the blessing of being sons of God and to prioritise our identity as sons of God as we relate to God and to one another.

Study Guide

Look at the following prepositional phrases in the passage:

1. V26 “In Christ Jesus” (Hint: refer to Gal 2:20)
 - a) What does the preposition “in” suggest about our relationship with Christ?
 - b) What would our lives look like if we believed in this truth?
2. “Baptised into Christ” (Hint: refer to Romans 6:3-5)
 - a) What does this phrase suggest about our relationship with Christ?
 - b) What would our lives look like if we believed in this truth?
3. “Put on Christ” (Hint: Romans 13:12-14, Col 3:10)
 - a) What does this phrase suggest about our relationship with Christ?
 - b) What would our lives look like if we believed in this truth?
4. What does it mean for us to be “all one in Christ Jesus?” (v28)
Optional follow-up: Does it mean that distinctions in gender, socio-economic class, ethnicity etc are no longer important?
5. What are some ways we are tempted to relate to each other that are inconsistent with the truth that we are “one in Christ”? (Application Question)
6. Paul says “you are Christ’s” (v29) -- What aspect of our relationship with Christ is Paul trying to emphasise here, and how might it be different from the other phrases (i.e. “in Christ,” “baptised into Christ,” “put on Christ,” “all one in Christ”)?
7. What is significant about being Abraham’s offspring (v29)? What do we receive as heirs? (Hint: refer to Gal 3:7-14)
8. Do we feel blessed or honoured that we are united to Jesus and are heirs with him? (Application Question)
9. How does the truth that we are united to Jesus and heirs with him shape how we move through the world? (e.g. How does it speak to our joys, fears, needs, calling?) (Application Question)