

# We're so glad you're here today!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some helpful information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The Westwood Kids team is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out [westwoodcc.org](http://westwoodcc.org).

## Are the holidays hard for you?

Surviving the Holidays is a night of hope for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Receive helpful tips, support and encouragement. Monday, November 19, 7:00-8:30pm, Chanhassen Campus, no registration required.

## Adoption, Foster Care & Hosting Panel

Come learn from professionals working in adoption and foster care, as well as parents and individuals impacted by adoption, foster care and temporarily hosting children who are in vulnerable situations. They will share information, stories and wisdom. Thursday, November 15, 6:30-8:00pm, Chanhassen Campus, register online.

## ADOPTION – THE HEART OF GOD

*But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir. Galatians 4:4-7*

### What do we receive in God adopting us?

- A secured identity 1 John 3:1
- An affectionate relationship Romans 8:15
- A full inheritance 1 Peter 1:4

### God's heart for the orphan

### Our next step

## Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

You can find it on our app or at [westwoodcc.org/readingplan](http://westwoodcc.org/readingplan)

- Galatians 4:4-7
- 1 John 3
- Isaiah 1:17
- Romans 8:12-17
- 1 Peter 1:3-8

*So you are no longer a slave, but God's child*

Galatians 4:7

## Adoption – Small Group Questions

November 11, 2018

1. When you think about how God spoke to you through this Sunday's message: What are some thoughts that come to mind?
2. Read Galatians 4:4-7. This is a text that describes the impact of salvation given to us in Jesus Christ. What are some things that stand out to you?
3. We receive a secured identity: We are God's children.
  - a. To be human means to be born looking for someone who is looking for us. React to this statement.
  - b. We ask two questions throughout our lives: Who am I and whose am I? What are some significant moments/seasons from your life in which you asked these questions?
  - c. What would change if you believed that you are a child of God? Do you?
4. We receive an affectionate relationship with God.
  - a. Faith is not a mechanistic religious transaction, it is an intimate relationship with the God of the universe. React to this statement.
  - b. What would change if you believed that you have an affectionate relationship with God?
5. We receive a full inheritance.
  - a. Read 1 Peter 1:4
  - b. What would change if you believed more fully that you receive a full inheritance in heaven?
  - c. What would you do differently?
6. What did you learn about God's heart for the orphan from this last Sunday?
7. Next steps: What do you sense God calling you into as a result of Sunday's message? How about for our small group? What could it look like to support adoptions/fostering? Do we know anyone who has, or anyone who is interested in it that we can help?

End your time in prayer for orphans, our church, and you as you consider stepping toward this important aspect of living out the Gospel.