

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) When you think about the word "family," what comes to mind? (These can be both good and bad answers).
- 3) Read Romans 8:14-17 together.
- 4) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 5) According to verse 14, how can someone know that he/she is a Christian?
- 6) One of the results of being adopted into God's family is that we should be free from fear. Instead of fear, we can call on God as "Abba" (similar to the intimate term "Daddy"). How does this work? How is calling on God as "Abba" the opposite of fear?
- 7) Many of us at some point in our christian walk struggle with doubt. In verse 16, the Apostle Paul tells us that in the lives of Christians, the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit bear witness to you in this way? Discuss.
- 8) Verse 17, says that if we are children of God, then we are also heirs of God. What does it mean to be an heir of God? What are the implications of being an heir of God?
- 9) The end of verse 17 says that everyone who is a child/heir will also suffer as part of God's family. To be a christians is to suffer. How can we suffer well? How can God's family help us when suffering knocks at our door?
- 10) Read 1 Corinthians 12:26 together.
- 11) Have you ever experienced what this passage describes? How can this be more of reality in your life? In our church? Are there intentional things we can do to make this verse more of a reality in our lives?
- 12) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.