



Leader's Guide

God Brings Us Into His Home

Romans 8:14-17 | Pastor Nick Engle | May 31, 2026

Session Overview

Our message this week discussed the multi-dimensional change that happens within us when we are adopted by the Father and brought into the family of Christ. Romans 8 teaches us about the change in our relationship with God, our identity, and our future after joining in the family of God. Our groups will discuss these changes and how they affect the view of ourselves, our relationship with God, and our place in His kingdom.

Session Flow (60-75 minutes)

Welcome and Icebreaker (10 minutes)

We all go through times of change and transformation. What was one of those moments and how were you changed?

Purpose: To get the group to reflect on a time when they went through a significant change to understand the transformation that comes with joining the family of God.

Scripture Reading

Read Romans 8:14-17 aloud together.

Leader Coaching Sidebar

- Create a compassionate environment where people from all family backgrounds feel valued.
- Someone may have a strained relationship with one of their parental figures which can influence how one may view God. If this comes up, remind them that no matter how our earthly parents may have treated us, our Heavenly Father loves perfectly.
- Focus on the newness that comes after we are welcomed into the family of God

Discussion (40-50 minutes)

- 1. Everything changes after adoption! What does that mean to you in light of the sermon on Sunday and Romans 8?**

Leader Note: Use the three changes mentioned (identity, relationship with God, and future) as a starting point and dig deeper into personal specifics.

- 2. How does the biblical concept of adoption expand our understanding of God's relationship with us?**

Leader Note: Emphasize the idea of belonging and identity in God's family. Contrast it with worldly notions of adoption or belonging.

- 3. What are some new truths we can learn about God through viewing Him as not just our Creator but our Father?**

Leader Note: Bring up some of the characteristics we talked about in the sermon, for example, fathers protect, provide, correct.

- 4. How can things we've learned through our earthly families affect how we view our Heavenly Father?**

*Leader Note: This question could connect with the previous question, pointing out the ways God does **not** fall short where people do.*

- 5. We are not just saved from sin, we are welcomed into the house of the Father! How does this change your perspective of your relationship with God?**

Leader Note: Focus on the closest relationships we have in our lives and imagine our relationship with God being even more profound.

- 6. Whether your faith journey began a long time ago or more recently, what are some of the changes you felt when you joined the family of God and in your life after?**

Leader Note: Think about who we became when we became a Christian and the changes we have experienced throughout our faith journey.

- 7. What is your new identity when we are adopted into the family of God and how does this change our daily life?**

Leader Note: Discuss the ways we interact with the world knowing we are a part of the family of God.

- 8. In what ways can the concept of adoption shift our understanding of salvation and transformation?**

Leader Note: Guide participants to reflect on how adoption illustrates grace, belonging, and transformation rather than self-improvement.

- 9. When Romans 8:17 tells us we are "co-heirs with Christ," what do you think this means?**

Leader Note: Encourage the group to think about Jesus' life and relationship with God and how we have the same inheritance as Christ.

- 10. What insights or encouragement do you find in Romans 8 about our position as God's adopted children?**

Leader Note: Close the discussion by emphasizing the Spirit's role in testifying to our adoption and the hope of future glory.

Application and Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Take a moment to reflect on your new identity in Christ. Where do you struggle to embrace this identity? What is one step you can take this week to live more fully as God's adopted child?

Closing Prayer Suggestion

Lord we thank you for your love and free gift of grace that has invited us into your family. You have given us a new name, freeing us from sin and giving us a Spirit of adoption. Help us to remember we are chose by you and that we re co-heirs with Christ, your only Son. Give us your Spirit to guide us towards holiness and towards you as we go out into the world and let us be an example of you. Amen.