**Discussion Questions: May 30, 2021**

**Holy Spirit: Adoption**

1. Did you get a chance to do the last weekly challenge? If so, how did it go?
2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. Can you recall a time a time when reward and/or consequences was not enough to make you do something?
4. Read Matthew 18:1-5. What stands out to you in this passage?
   1. How do you understand the meaning of what Jesus is saying?
   2. How does this passage relate to what was taught in the sermon?
   3. What would it look like to live out this scripture in your life?
5. Read and study Romans 8:14-17. In your own words, what is this passage saying?
   1. What are the implications of this passage for the Christian life?
6. In the sermon Pastor Keith taught it is possible to be adopted yet still carry an orphan spirit. This spirit may be marked by hoarding and not accepting the new life. How do you understand the orphan spirit and how have you experienced it?
   1. The orphan spirit may be inherited from our experience of our earthly fathers who were absent, abusive, or critical. How may your past relationship with your earthly father be shaping your relationship with your heavenly Father?
7. Pastor Keith said that there’s two types of people who are suffering from the orphan spirit: those who have always had it and those who never used to have it but developed it over time. Which one do you think you are and why do you think this?
   1. What lies are you believing that are coming from your orphan spirit, and what are the truths that should replace them?
   2. What is the biggest hurdle to getting rid of your orphan spirit and embracing true adoption to the Father, and what is one step you can take to begin removing it?

**This Week’s Challenge:**

Set aside some alone time this week to just “play catch with God.” Enjoy just being in His presence, giving Him praise, receiving His praise, learning from Him, hearing from Him, telling Him your worries and receiving comfort, etc. Try creating a place/image in your mind that captures God as your Dad. Go to that place when you feel tired, stressed, distant or alone.