

# SERMON OUTLINE

## Abba, Father *Galatians 3:26-4:7*

*In Christ, God the Father adopted us as his sons and enabled us by his Spirit to cry out, Abba, Father.*

### **What is true of us because God adopted us as his sons?**

#### **We are united with Christ...** (Galatians 3:26-28)

- Baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27a)
  - Clothed with Christ (Galatians 3:27b)
  - United to one another in Christ (Galatians 3:28)
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#### **We are freed from slavery and now heirs of his promise** (Galatians 3:29-4:5)

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#### **We are enabled to cry out Abba, Father** (Galatians 4:6-7)

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### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS** (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups and Galatians in the Knowing the Bible Series by Crossway)

- "Daddy, I'm scared...or Mommy, I'm scared..." In what sort of situations do we hear these words from our kids? What is the hope of a child when he or she says these words?
- What are some of the things about us that change if we are in Christ?
- How do our earthly relationships with our fathers impact our view of God our Father?
- Why is it so important that we are not separated from one another because of ethnicity, gender, or anything else?
- How was Christ able to free us from slavery to the law?
- Read the two passages below when Abba is used (Mark 14:32-36 & Romans 8:14-17). What comfort does it provide that we can cry out to God as our Abba, Daddy, Father (by the work of God's Spirit)?
- How might it impact your relationship with God if you meditated on the reality that he has adopted us as his sons?
- How might you give thanks to God today and this week for making you his child?