

Adopted for Life, Part 2

Series: Adopted for Life

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Scripture: James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Group Session

Opening Questions

What were your thoughts when hearing the number of orphaned children both in the world and in the U.S.?

*143 million children are orphans worldwide

* every year 12 million become orphaned

*In the US, over 500,000 in the US in foster care

*every year 25,000 age out of the foster system.

Discussing the Scripture & Life

1. What does it mean to say that we were all spiritual orphans at one point?
2. How did Jesus become an orphan on the cross?
3. Do you have any stories about how your children have copied you? What keeps us from imitating our spiritual Father more?

If we are more like the father, what concerns Him will concern us.

4. Do you know someone who has been adopted or a family that has adopted? How has it been a blessing to them?
5. What are your thoughts on the church emphasizing adoption? Is this part of the mission of the church? How could this benefit the kingdom of God?

Closing Challenge

It was said that “If only 7% of believers would adopt, there would be no orphans in the world.” Which of the following ways would be possible ways you could respond?

Ways we can care for orphans

1. Adopt a child yourself.
2. Financially help someone that is adopting.
3. Take a trip to an orphanage and love on some children
4. Adopt a child through Compassion International.
5. Become a father to the fatherless here locally.
6. Help the church in this emphasis.

Other Passages Cited

Romans 8:29 “predestined to be conformed to the image of His son”

Col. 1:15 “Jesus is the image of God”

Psalms 10:14 “helper of the fatherless”

Deut 10:18 “defends the cause of the fatherless”

Hosea 14:3 “the fatherless find compassion”

Psalms 68:5-6 “father to the fatherless”