

CHAPTER 08 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: “SONS AND DAUGHTERS”

Seek First: How the Kingdom of God Changes Everything, by Jeremy Treat

1. On p. 144 the author says, “He is our Father, and we are adopted as his children. Adoption not only changes our view of God, it also shapes the way we see ourselves. We are beloved children, adopted into God's royal family and given all the rights and inheritance of the Kings kids.”
 - How often do you think of the privilege of adoption? In other words, what role does the truth of being adopted by God into his eternal family play in your day to day life? What role should it play?
2. The author states on p. 146, “The Bible tells us that since we have been adopted by God, we are his children and now have unlimited access to God. We can always interrupt him. He's never too busy for us. There's no limit to the time that we can spend with him... we are promised limitless access to God's throne. We can enter into conversation with him freely in with full confidence that we are excepted and heard. Why? Because we know that we are approaching a 'throne of grace.' We know that this king rules from his throne with love and mercy.”
 - How does this paragraph speak to you?
 - Do you feel like this truth is a lived reality for you, or more theoretical?
 - How would you like to grow in living into this reality?
3. The author says, “In Christ, you're defined not by your sin nor by your success, but by your Savior, and he's unchanging. Being 'in Christ' is a foundation when you are in crisis. Being 'in Christ' is a constant when you are in transition. Being 'in Christ' is a refuge when you are in trouble” (p. 151).
 - Which area do you have a harder part let Christ define you: in your sins or in your successes? Why do you think this is the case?
4. Look at the chart on page 150 that describes some of the spiritual blessings that are yours as a believer in Christ. Which one means the most to you? Which one would you like to grow in your understanding of?
5. On p. 151, the author points out something unique about Christianity: “Almost every other religion in the world says that change is about becoming what you are not... But Christianity says something different: be who you already truly are in Christ. Because our identity is given to us by faith, we God declares us righteous in Christ, we must learn who we are and then live out of that identity. In Christ you are pure, so live purely. In Christ your light, so let your light shine. Because of grace, my identity is built not on what I do for God but on what what he has done for me. Christian growth is not a matter of changing into something you are not but is about becoming who you truly are 'in Christ'” (p. 151).
 - What resonates with you from this paragraph?
 - How do you think we can help each other live out our identity in Christ, to become who you truly are in Christ?
6. What is your biggest takeaway from this discussion? What is the one thing you want to remember going forward?