

Advent – Family Christmas 2019

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Small Group Discussion Questions

When God wanted to redeem the world he did it by stepping into the drama of a small middle-eastern family

There is a lot we can learn from the biological family of Jesus. {Matthew 1:1-17}

*What feelings do the holidays bring up for you about the drama family?

*Have you done any lineage studies of your own family? What has been interesting or surprising about where you come from?

None of us gets to pick our family... but Jesus gets to pick his

He claims people the world would reject and makes them his own family

*What do the stories of some of those in his lineage teach us about who he chooses?

*How does knowing Jesus chose this particular family make you feel about your inclusion into his family?

Read and discuss Galatians 4:4-7(NIV)

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

*What does this passage show us about God? About people?

*What is this passage saying to you? Is there something here to share with someone else?

Whatever else you are, if you have Christ, you are God's family

Our association with Jesus redeems everything including our reputation.

*What would it look like to believe that he has claimed us despite the things we've done and had done to us?

*What are some ways to help each other remember our identity as chosen parts of Jesus' family this season?

Christmas is about taking off all of those other identities and resting in your identity as his chosen child

We can finally be free of some of the ill-fitting things we've put on because we are God's children.

*What ill-fitting thing is he inviting you to take off this Christmas season?