

# WHY THE CROSS



## Week 3 – Life Group Guide or Personal Reflection Q's.

‘Welcome to week 3, of our Life Group Series, based off our message series here at CFC, ‘WHY THE CROSS’.

Before you begin today – **pray**, that God will lead you as you discuss His Word and think about how it applies to our lives... **PRAY**

### "Adopted as Children of God!"

...Have you ever felt like an **outsider** trying to fit in?  
How did it feel when you finally found **acceptance**?

Read John 1:12-13...

**The Cross** was not *just* about forgiveness; it was about bringing us **into God's family**. Jesus didn't just pay for our sins; He purchased **our place** in the family of God. The Cross is the bridge that brings us from being lost to being loved, from **orphans** to **children of the King**.

Read Ephesians 1:5...

1. **Discuss:** Why is adoption a powerful image of what Christ did for us?

### "From Slaves to Sons & Daughters..."

Read Galatians 4:4-7...

Paul emphasizes that we are **no longer slaves** but **children** and heirs. **Adoption** in biblical times was not a second-class status—it meant **full legal standing**, with all rights and privileges of a natural-born son. **In Christ, we are given the same standing as Jesus, ‘co-heirs’ before the Father.**

2. **What does it mean to be an heir of God?**
3. How does this change the way **we approach Him** in prayer & daily life?

### Living as Sons and Daughters

## Read Romans 8:14-17 –

1. What does this say about **our identity** as God's children?
2. How does **adoption** into God's family change the way we see ourselves?
3. How can we **walk in confidence**, knowing we belong to **God's family**?
4. What struggles keep people from **embracing this identity**?

## The Cost of Following Jesus

5. According to **Matthew 10:37-38** and **Matthew 16:24**, what does Jesus say about our commitment to Him?
6. How might **following Jesus** change our priorities and relationships?
7. David spoke about **trusting in God despite hardships**. How can his example encourage us to **follow Jesus wholeheartedly**?

## The Assurance of Our Adoption

8. How does **Philippians 4:6** show the **closeness** of our relationship with God?
9. What encouragement do we find in **Romans 8:38-39** about God's **unbreakable love**?

## Living as God's Children

10. What does **John 1:10-13** say about **how we become** children of God?
11. According to **Galatians 4:4-7**, what rights and privileges do we have as **God's children**?
12. How can we **live in the freedom and confidence** of being **God's children every day**?

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## Application & Reflection:

- What does **being** a child of God mean in your personal life?
- How can you **reflect** God's fatherly love to others?
- Is there **someone** in your life who needs to hear this message of belonging?

**Thank God for adopting us into His family. Pray for those struggling to accept their identity in Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us live as true sons and daughters of God.**

