

**Week of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups**  
**Spirit's Testimony of Adoption I Romans 8:12-17**

**Overview**

Through Jesus, we have been given the privilege to be able to call upon God as "Papa!" Not only does the Spirit of God give life and peace, the Spirit brings about your adoption as a son or daughter of God!

**ICEBREAKER**

What are your earliest childhood memories?

**BIBLE: Read Romans 8:12-17**

1. What roadblocks or problems could you face if you try to put away the flesh with your own power and ability?
2. Why are children of God set free from "fear?" (verse 15)
3. What kind of relationship do we have with God, whom we call upon as "Lord" and "Abba" (which can be translated "papa")?
4. What kind of love does God show us when He "adopts" us into His family?
5. What does it mean that you are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ? What kind of privileges and blessings are given now and will be given to you as a child of God?
6. How important is Ohana or community, especially in light of the pandemic and its consequences?
7. What spiritual blessings can be experienced when sons and daughters of God join together? Share testimony of a spiritual blessing.

**APPLICATION**

1. When we try to fight the flesh with our own abilities, we often find ourselves in defeat. How can you let the Spirit lead your mind and free you from your flesh and help you walk by the Spirit?
2. With the effects of the pandemic, many seek belonging, connection, and friendship. The family of God brings together those who are disconnected and separated by the power and grace of Jesus. You have been brought into God's family, and God has called you to invite others into His family. Who in your circle or community do you see as someone who is disconnected? What are some tangible ways you can extend the love and grace of Jesus to them? Be creative!

**Take on the Romans 8 Challenge as an Ohana Group and encourage one another to memorize Romans 8!**

**PRAYER**

1. Pray earnestly for God to help you to put away your flesh and live by the Spirit.
2. Pray for freedom from the bondage of fear as a child of God!
3. Thank the Lord for an inheritance of blessing that will never spoil or fade!
4. Pray for those who are lonely, disconnected, and separated. Pray that our church as the family of God is able to extend God's love and mercy to those who feel alone.