

## Adoption

**God is a Loving Father adopting the lost and giving them an identity and purpose.**

### **Getting Started**

- So far, which aspect of the Multifaceted Gospel has been most enlightening and meaningful in your relationship to the Lord?
- Tell the group about a friend who doesn't know the Lord. Share about his or her life and their struggles. Discuss which of the six facets of the Gospel could be an entry point for your friend (see the chart posted online).
- Tell about the family or friends you know who have been adopted or have adopted children. What is their experience? What was challenging? What is special?

### **Digging into the Word**

Take time to carefully read through Ephesians 1:3-14. What repeated words and themes do you see? Where do you see each of these 7 truths in this passage (or others!)?

- 1- Adoption means we are not naturally children of God.
- 2- Adoption shows that we are loved by our Heavenly Father out of grace.
- 3- Adoption is the result of God's predetermined plan.
- 4- Adoption comes through our union with Christ.
- 5- Adoption brings us into a family of brothers and sisters.
- 6- Adoption gives us an identity and purpose in Christ.
- 7- Adoption guarantees us an eternal inheritance.

### **Making it Personal**

- Which of these 7 concepts is new to you? Helpful? Challenging?
- How can you live this week in light of your adoption in Christ? How will your sense of identity and purpose be impacted? How will it inform the way you related with God and others?
- What friend or family member needs to be encouraged with the good news of adoption? Pray for them and look for an opportunity to share.