

## KEY SCRIPTURE:

**Romans 8:14-19**

*14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children[g] of God. 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.[h] Now we call him, "Abba, Father." [i] 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. 17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. 18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. 19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.*

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What are we trying to accomplish in this *Theologian* series?
- Why is a unique series like *Theologian* important for us as Christians today?
- Pastor Jeff made mention of choosing to strategically have a "chit chat" today instead of a "proper sermon." What are some major differences between a "proper sermon" and a "chit chat?" Why is it important to only veer away from a proper sermon on extremely rare occasions in congregational worship? Why was it appropriate to veer away from the norm for this special Sunday?

Note: this question can get out of control if you have a very zealous traditionalist in your group. The question is meant to help the group examine their ecclesiological view of a sermon within a congregational setting. Guard your group to be careful, respectful, and have fun with this one!

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Go around the room and see if anyone is able/willing to define, in their own words, the five theological terms from the series so far:
  - Theology:
  - Soteriology:
  - Hamartiology:
  - Ecclesiology
  - Adoptionology:
- Which Theological term or lesson has impacted you most so far and why?
- Spend some time discussing your ecclesiology. How has it changed over time as you've grown in your faith? How has it stayed the same?
- What have you enjoyed most about the ecclesiology of *Restore* and why?
- What is our vision statement? Looking at the follow along, what word would you use to fill in the blank? What are you doing to help make that happen?
- Prepare for next week's message on the doctrine of adaption (adoptionology) by reading Romans 8:14-19 as a group.

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

*Father in Heaven, thank you for the local church and the ways you've brought each of us into it. Help us to be, above all, a biblical church, doing everything we can to honor you, glorify you, and lead others to do the same. If there's something in our ecclesiology, correct us with your Word, and bring us to unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ through it. Most importantly, thank you for Jesus and for the forgiveness of our sins through Him. We praise you, Lord, in Jesus' name, amen!*

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Spend time with God daily this week. In your private time with Him, ask Him to reveal to you how you are going to be part of reaching 5% of the community and the world. if you already have a sense of how, spend time everyday this week praying for the wisdom and endurance to do it well and opportunities to encourage others along the way!

