

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

## BLOCKBUSTER WEEK 3

### SERIES INFO

#### **BLOCKBUSTER**

We all love a good story.

The kind with storms you can't outrun... pressure that exposes what's really inside... and moments that change everything. The reason those stories stick with us is because they're not just on the screen—they're happening in real life. Blockbuster is a four-week series where powerful films collide with biblical truth. We'll explore the questions underneath the story—family, pressure, ambition, failure, and grace—and discover what God has been saying about them all along. Because the Bible has been speaking into these things long before the cameras ever started rolling.

### PERSONAL FUN FACTS

When was a time when you ended up in a situation, group, or relationship you didn't expect but it turned out to be meaningful or even life-changing?

### TAKEAWAYS

What were the greatest “takeaways” you had from the message this week related to “Instant Family?”

### DISCUSSION

#### **1. Adoption is Intentional**

**Scripture: Romans 8:14-17; John 1:12-13**

As sons and daughters of God, Christians are heirs of the Father, sharing Christ's inheritance. This means we will share in the suffering of rejection with Him but we will also share the glory of eternal life with Him. We are confident of being God's children because His Spirit lives in us, leads us to pray to God, and assures us we belong to God.

1) What is the difference between adoption and being forgiven?

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2) What does it look like for us to reflect God's adoptive heart to the world around us?

#### **2. Adoption Was Always God's Plan**

**Scripture: Genesis 12:2-3; Galatians 3:7-9**

When we talk about adoption in the New Testament, especially reading the letters of Paul, adoption can feel like a new idea in Scripture. But adoption didn't begin with Paul. It actually began with a promise that God made to Abraham ... that would eventually include everyone. We know it as the Abrahamic Covenant: "I will make you into a great nation ... and all the people on earth will be blessed through you." God's plan was to build a family through whom all families could be brought into His family.

1) How does seeing adoption as a result of God's plan from Genesis 12 change your understanding of salvation?

2) Why do you think God frames His relationship with us in terms of family, rather than one of authority?

#### **3. A Father to the Fatherless**

**Scripture: Ezekiel 16:47; Psalm 68: 5-6; James 1:27**

God doesn't just build a family; He listens for the ones who don't have one. He hears the cry of the fatherless. Adoption is not just a theological idea; it is a deeply personal and emotional response of God. Those who are fatherless, who don't have a family, are not invisible to God. Their cries are not background noise, but they are front and center of His heart. His promise has always been, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." This is covenantal language. This isn't, "You will follow My rules ..." but it is "You will belong to Me." At the very center of God's covenant is not control ... it is relationship.

1) Do you believe God hears your cries the way He hears the fatherless? Why or why not?

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2) What would it look like for God to “re-parent” areas of your life where something was/is missing or broken?

3) What would need to change in our culture for us to truly be known as a place where “the lonely are set in families?”

### APPLICATION

At the end of *Instant Family*, everything isn't perfect. The house isn't suddenly peaceful, and the kids don't magically have it all together. But something has changed. The question is no longer, “Will this work?” The question has been answered by a decision: “We are not going anywhere.” That assurance is when everything begins to shift. All throughout this study, we have talked about adoption. It is not just a concept, but it goes to the very heart of God: a God who made a promise to Abraham to bless all families. He is a God who hears the cries of the fatherless and a God who says, “You will be My people, and I will be your God.” He is a God who, through Christ, opens the door and says, “You belong here.”

But if we were to be honest ... many of us still live like those kids in the movie. We brace ourselves. We hold back. We wonder if it's only a matter of time before we are let down again. We ask, “Is this real?” “Will this last?” “Am I really wanted?” God says ... “I'm not going anywhere.”

- Do I truly see myself as a son or daughter of God? Or do I still relate to Him more like a guest or an outsider?
- What part of me still struggles to believe that God is not going anywhere?

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### PRAYER

Father, thank You for adopting us when we didn't deserve it. Open our eyes to the people around us who feel alone, overlooked, or unwanted. Give us Your heart, not just to receive love, but to extend to those around us. Make us people who reflect Your family everywhere we go. Amen.