

RECAP: Week 3

Used an article about the education of the Jews.

What are you inscribed with?

Luke 9

Luke 7

Surrendering our life: sometime we think it's the easiest thing because maybe it's a one-time deal. It's really a daily thing.

Luke 22: Garden of Gethsemane

Jesus surrenders his human will to God's will

Luke 14

Used white cards to represent flags for people to write on what they wanted to surrender to God?

Good reports back from Youth Group – no specific stories yet

If Group Pad is followed with precision – need to give permission to go deeper into community time

WEEK 4

To End All Wars – the shovel scene

The Rise of Christianity – the church grew because it was the only thing that cared for widows and children. The church would take them in.

How do we identify with the adoption process?

We are in need of adoption because of sinfulness...

Luke 15: invite people to “keep returning home”

Where do you see yourselves in the story

Prodigal means wasteful –

Adoption isn't a one time deal – brings you into a relationship. Receiving and investing.

Kids in an orphanage – what do they think about being passed/looked over?

What happens when a kid doesn't want to be adopted – they don't understand the bigger picture. They don't know what they don't know.

Growing into the relationship with God.

Luke 15: Stories of heavy pursuit of the lost

What does the “love letter” from Jesus look like?

CS Lewis Book "The Weight of Glory" – don't nibble at the table of the world

Places that we're looking will never satisfy.

Team Hoyt – powerful metaphor (father of son who is the quadriplegic)

<http://www.teamhoyt.com/>

Matthew:

Luke 11 – talks about the father

Luke 15 – pinnacle of father

Camp out on the word "Father"

Prodigal God (book) – 2 types of people

Luke 15 – God loves us in spite of our "stuff"

How does adoption personally "connect" for people

Are we the church ready to adopt people that may seem un-loveable

What are the reasons for kids to be in an orphanage...

- Abandonment

- Abuse

- Neglect

- Drug use by parent

- Incarcerated parent

- "Accident"/"Mistake"

Psalms 139:13

Matthew 10

God's love pursues you

Good to be reminded that we are loved....who we belong to

Love Letter – I love you, I accept you, I want you. People might be able to connect with this more than the adoption

Find an old personal love letter from someone you dated

John Adams Biography – David McCullough: Love letters from his wife. Make the story more real.