

Session 6	Freedom for Everyone Slavery or Sonship Ste
Verses from passage	Galatians 4:1-12
Key Passages	Luke 12:27-34 Colossians 3:5-17
Main Points	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Context - the Galatians were being led into erroneous thinking that they needed to convert to Judaism to be true Christians, or otherwise risk being excluded from the in crowd. 2. We have all come into relationship with God because of the Cross of Christ. Some were in slavery to the Law (the Jews), others were in slavery to the things of this world (Pagan gods and the sinful nature). 3. But we're all invited into sonship! This means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God knows you. Everything about you, and he chose you anyway. • We are adopted – wanted, chosen and loved. • John 14:18 - I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. • We can call God “Abba” which speaks of intimacy • We are not slaves, but heirs. <p>Our being brought close to God as our Father through the power of the Spirit and the accomplishment of the Son REALLY matters to God!</p>

Discussion questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do you respond to the concept that “sonship” is about reinstating the <u>reason we were created</u> - to be in relationship with God. 2. Do you really believe that God knows absolutely everything about you and loves you anyway? 3. The name “Abba” for God speaks of an invitation to intimacy with Him. What are some of the barriers that might prevent this intimate relationship being developed? (Such as cultural, childhood experiences of our own parents, fear, shame...) 4. If you identify things in your own lives (Q3), spend time praying for each other before you finish.
This week	<p>Try to internalise the reality that: “God knows me, I am adopted (wanted, chosen and loved), I can have an intimate relationship with God as my father, I am not a slave but an heir.”</p>