



This week NBC took time to stop, notice and care for the needs and joys surrounding vulnerable children. As you interact with the questions below, be aware that this touches many lives in deeply personal and difficult ways. In the spirit of You First...keep in mind your own vulnerable state and the ongoing activity of God in your life. Practice empathy as you carefully hold the stories that are shared around this topic.

Questions for our Community

1. How much do you think about your own adoption by God? How does this reality shape your everyday life? (see Gal. 4:4-5; Romans 8:15; Heb. 12:5-8; Eph. 1:5)
2. If you are actively caring for vulnerable children in some way (foster care, adoption, kinship placement, etc...) share how you are doing. Are there ways your CG can help you?
3. We have much to be thankful for with regard to vulnerable children care. Celebrate and recall the ways God has been generous to bless us *so far*. Praise Him for the work he has already accomplished all around us.
4. Was there any specific action item for you personally that came from participating in corporate worship on Sunday? Explain.
5. Close by praying for all the various parties involved in the crisis surrounding vulnerable children. You can start by praying for the four pillars mentioned on Sunday:
 - **Foster Care** (pray for children, birth parents, social workers, foster parents, judges, etc. Pray for the ministry of Foster the Bay)
 - **Empowered to Connect** (this is training those who work to love children well who come from hard places)
 - **Unborn babies** (bring the heart and urgency of God to bear on these children; pray for mom's and dad's to have a tender heart to the life of their child, pray for agencies and churches to care for those in crisis, pray for repentance, healing and restoration for people who have aborted children)
 - **International Care** (pray for those around the world caring directly for orphans, pray for families to step forward to adopt, pray for churches to support the process and not lose sight of the care they will need, pray for the many ways that people can steward their resources to help via sponsorship programs)