

Stand Sunday~ 1 John 3:1 November 2, 2025

1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

## **Questions** for the Community

## **Personal Reflection**

- What part of the service—story, Scripture, stats, or sermon
   —stuck with you most? Why?
- 2. Get alone but with God. Settle yourself until you can really get a good answer on this. What does this topic stir up in you? Is there shame? fear? excitement? anger? Invite God in to this part of you and ask him to have his way.

## **Group Discussion**

- 3. Read Isaiah 1:17, Psalm 68:5–6, and James 1:27. What do these passages reveal about God's heart for the vulnerable?
- 4. How does knowing God as a "Father to the fatherless" shape the way we view foster care and adoption?
- 5. James says caring for the vulnerable is part of "pure religion." How might that challenge the way we normally think about spiritual maturity?
- 6. How might understanding our own adoption into God's family motivate us to make room for others?
- 7. What does "family" look like in God's kingdom, and how is it different from the cultural idea of family?

## **Plan of Action**

8. Everyone is called to care even if they aren't on the front lines of adoption and foster care. We have a church with lots of immediate need in this area right in front of us. What is God calling you to continue in (if you are already actively helping) or calling you to start in?