



#2 Embracing The Orphan

"The orphan is not a cause. The orphan is not an issue. The orphan has a human face, and that face is Galilean. Jesus tells us that when we see the poor, the weak, the vulnerable, the tossed aside, we see Him there." ~Russell D. Moore~

The Church Is God's PLAN A To Help Children Who Are In Need

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27(NIV)

Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 82:3-4(NIV)

And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me"

Matthew 18: 5(NIV)

The Greatest Reasons We Have To Foster Or Adopt A Child Is OUR Adoption Into The Family Of God

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

Adoption Is a Picture Of SALVATION

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Two Guarantees In Adopting & Fostering:

#1 It Will Be HARDER Than You Imagined

#2 The Child Will Be WORTH It.

"If You Choose To Make A Difference In The Life Of A Child, You May Not Change The World, But You Will Change His Or Her World"

Life Group Discussion Questions

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles. Life Groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christ.

Start Talking

- Share a story of adoption or fostering that has been meaningful to you.

Start Thinking

- How would your life look different if you believed you were God's "Plan A" to care for people without families?
- Read James 1:27. Why do you think widows and orphans are highlighted specifically?
- What are some ways people could address this issue beyond actually fostering or adopting?

Start Sharing

- Who do you know who's involved in foster care or adoption? How can you support them?
- Have you or someone you're close to experienced fostering or adoption in some way? How have you been impacted?
- How do you feel called to respond? What bold step will you pray about making?

Start Digging

Read about God's heart for adoption Mark 9:37; Isaiah 1:17; Mark 10:13-14; Psalm 127:3-5.

Start Praying

"Heavenly Father, You adopted us into Your family. We want to open our hearts and homes to kids who need Your love. Will You speak to each of us about what we can do? Amen."

Start Doing

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Do you know a single parent, hurting family, foster family, or adoptive family? How can our group regularly support them?
- Are you feeling tugged to consider fostering, adopting, or respite care? Talk with your campus staff about next steps.
- Consider serving vulnerable children through [Compassion International](#), [Village of Hope](#), [Kids Hope USA](#) or one of our own [Campus Ministries](#).

Foster Care & Adoption Resources:

- <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/ssd/home/child-welfare-services/foster-and-adoptive-care/>
- <https://www.americanadoptions.com/hawaii-adoption/hawaii-foster-care-adoption>
- <https://familyprogramshawaii.org/resources/>
- <https://www.childandfamilyservice.org/programs/transitionalfamilyhome/>

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