

# SERMON SERIES DISCIPLING GUIDE

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## INTRODUCTION

Ron began by painting the picture of the perfect relationship with God that existed prior to the first sin. He continued by pointing to the fall in Genesis 3 as the source of the brokenness that is experienced in so many relationships. Our separation from God and others creates a great loneliness within us.

*What are some examples of broken or stressed relationships you are experiencing?*

*What are some ways you see your relationship with God suffer?*

*What are some ways you see your relationships with others suffer?*

*Do you ever shy away from relationships due to past hurts?*

## READ TOGETHER

Read through **Galatians 4:4-7**.

## FOR DISCUSSION

God sent His Son... to buy freedom for us.

Ron said that "God wants you back, but He isn't going to kidnap you. The choice to respond to His overtures is yours."

*How can we respond to God's offer of freedom?*

*How can we respond to His offer daily?*

God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba Father". In the message we were challenged to open our hearts to God's affection and express affection to God in terms of endearment. How easy we will find this to do will be determined by our view of God.

*Do you find it easy to think of God as "Abba, Father" or "Daddy, Daddy"?*

*What could be added to the experience of your faith if you became more intimate with God?*

*How might you build that intimacy?*

And since you are His child, God has made you His heir.

*What are some of the things you have inherited from God?*

*What are some of the gifts God has given to you?*

*Would you say you are experiencing the abundant life God wants for you?*

Ron said that "We are not the final destination for all this abundance. Everything that God pours into your life is intended to keep flowing to others." (Matthew 10:8)

*How can we as a group share our abundance with one another?*

*How can we share our abundance with those outside of our group?*

Take some time to pray, expressing your affection for God and asking Him to speak to you about how to share the abundance found within your group.