



Small Group Homework
for week of September 27th

“Decisions, Decisions”
Pastor Willie Russell

Conversation starters.....

⇒ I love to see forms of “normal life” returning. Are you a football fan? Have you watched any of the games that have been on in the last week or so?

⇒ Did you play or participate in sports growing up? How did it feel to be part of the team or to cheer your team on?

⇒ It’s great to cheer a team on, but even greater to jump on the field and be part of the struggle to victory. God has not only chosen us to be on the team, (in the family), but ordained us for a job to do to participate in the victory. Read **Jeremiah 1:5**. God is our Father and has adopted us. We are chosen, we are wanted and we are ordained. This is not only for Jeremiah, but for all who are loved and adopted of God. What does this knowledge mean for you?

Into the Bible....

⇒ **Ephesians 1:4-5 NLT** “Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 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.” The beautiful part of adoption is that God loved us and wanted us. It is important that we receive that love and accept who He has called us to be. But we are not the only ones adopted. There is a whole family of us. How are we to relate to our brothers and sisters in this new family?

⇒ Read **Romans 8:14-17**. As we have been adopted into the family, we have become heirs and co-heirs. Heir is the root word for “inheritance”. We always think of an inheritance of what we get. But one who inherits property also acquires the responsibility that goes along with that inheritance. Suppose you inherit a house, and what once belonged to someone else now belongs to you. Discuss what your new life and responsibilities would be in that situation. Compare it to the inheritance that you have now in Christ and in His Kingdom.
