

**Activity #3: Print this out for the older student group leaders.**

**Group Discussion for Romans 8:12-25**

6th-10th Grade: "Real-Life Decision Breakdown"

**Purpose:**

Encourages deeper conversations about identity and belonging, connects adoption to real-life feelings of acceptance and security & helps students understand suffering from an eternal perspective

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What You Need:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers
- Scenario sheet (or read aloud)

Activity Steps:

1. Break into small groups (3-4 students)

Each group answers:

**Part A – What Does It Mean to Be Adopted?**

Discuss:

- What happens when someone is adopted into a family?
- How is being adopted by God different from simply knowing about Him?
- Why would God call believers His children?

**Romans 8:14-15 "You have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!'"**

Have students discuss:

- Adoption
- Belonging
- Identity
- Relationship with God

**Part B – Adopted Into God's Family**

Have them discuss fear vs confidence:

**Romans 8:15-17**

**Discuss:**

- Why believers do not need to fear rejection from God
- What it means to call God "Father"

Living in Fear	Living as God's Child
Constantly worried about acceptance	Secure in God's love
Feeling alone	Part of God's family
Fear of rejection	Confidence in Christ
Uncertain future	Eternal inheritance

- The privileges of being God's children

### **Part C – Present Suffering, Future Glory**

**Ask: "Why can Christians have hope during difficult times?"**

**Have students look up tie-in scriptures and connect:**

- 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 "This light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory..."
- Revelation 21:4 "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes..."
- John 1:12 "To all who received Him... He gave the right to become children of God."

**Discuss:**

- Suffering is temporary
- Glory is eternal
- God is preparing something greater than we can imagine

**Group Discussion Questions:**

- Why do people often look for identity in things other than God?
- How does knowing you are God's child change the way you live?
- Why is hope important during suffering?
- What promises from God encourage you when life is difficult?

### **2. Personal or Out loud Reflection (Silent – 5 minutes)**

Ask students to write or answer out loud: "Do I truly see myself as a child of God?"

**OR**

What difficulty am I facing that I need to trust God with?

**Prayer & Reflection:** Ask God to help you see yourself the way He sees you. In Christ, you are forgiven, loved, and His child forever. Ask Him to remind you of your new identity and help you remember who you are in Him whenever you struggle with doubt, fear, or insecurity. Thank Him for the grace, love, and acceptance He has given you through Jesus Christ.

(No sharing required if done silently- keep it personal)

**Key for Lesson:** Believers are not merely forgiven sinners, they are adopted children of God who can call Him Father and look forward to an eternal future with Him.