Scripture: Romans 8:12-25

 **Related Text:** Matthew 18:1-6 & 1 John 2:28-3:3

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 Sermon Title: Awaiting Adoption

 Our World (connecting with each other)

* Take some time to catch up since you were last together or share a favorite fall memory or tradition.

Growing Deep In God’s Word (identifying what God is saying to us)

* Talk about anything from the sermon and/or text that jumped out at you in a new way.
* A major problem for us is not that we do not know how to live as an adult, but that we do not know how to live as a child. How have your responses to life changed since childhood, both for the good or not so good?
* The first major shift in living in the Spirit is that we live as sons/daughters instead of slaves. Identify practical ways in which these are different.
* We seek peace in many ways. Often we project our lack of peace onto others or situations believing if ‘they’ are fixed then we will have peace. However we read in Philippians 4:11-13 of Paul’s contentment. How is Paul’s response possible and how do we enter into the same?

Branching Out In Our Witness (fleshing out His Word in our relationships)

* According to the passage, it is not that our circumstances will be better than others because we are disciples of Jesus, but that we will have hope and peace in them. So, how visible is your peace and hope to others? Are there areas where you are struggling to have hope and peace?
* William Cavanagh conveys the thought that in our culture scarcity is the condition of a people who want more without reference to what they already have. How do we as sons and daughters of God get caught up in what we do not have instead of what we do have?

Spend time seeking God’s help to see areas you are not living as a child of God

and for the Holy Spirits filling to enable to live as a child.