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1. Everyone is born a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:5-9,13-15

2. A Christian must never forget...

A. What he has been adopted \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 4:3-5

B. What he has been adopted \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 4:6-7

3. \_\_\_\_\_ adopted orphans make \_\_\_\_\_ adoptive parents.

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ is for everyone.

Psalm 82:3; Isaiah 1:17; James 1:27

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone.

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| 1. Adoption      | 4. CareNet     |
| 2. Foster Care   | 5. Legacy Fund |
| 3. Safe Families |                |

## HEARING AND DOING

*Each week this section will provide next steps for going deeper with the sermon material, as well as preparing for discussion in your Grow Group. Bring this sheet with you to your group meeting.*

1. Read the following statistics to give you a clearer picture of the current state of orphans in the world.<sup>1</sup> Circle the one that makes the strongest impression on you.

***The Children of the World***

- In the world today there are 143 million children who have lost one or both parents. That is almost one half of the population of the United States.
- Every 14 seconds an AIDS death leaves another child orphaned.
- Every year 12 million children become orphans.
- 87.6 million orphans live in Asia.
- 43.4 million orphans live in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 12.4 million orphans live in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- In Ukraine and Russia 10%–15% of children who age out of an orphanage commit suicide before age 18.

***The Children of the United States***

- There are currently 500,000 children in foster care in the United States. Approximately 118,000 of these children are available for adoption.
- Every year in the U.S. alone, over 25,000 children age out of the foster system with no family to belong to and no place to call home.
- More than one-third of Americans have seriously considered adopting, but no more than 2% have actually adopted.
- In Orange County, CA there are 3,059 children in the foster care system. 300–400 of these children age out of the foster care system per year.

2. Read the following passages and summarize God’s heart toward orphans for each one.

Psalm 82:3	
Deuteronomy 26:12	
Deuteronomy 27:19	
James 1:27	

3. God calls everyone to serve the fatherless in different ways. Rate your openness to each of the following:

Adoption	Not me (1).....Open (5).....Let’s go! (10)
Foster Care	Not me (1).....Open (5).....Let’s go! (10)
Financial support through the Legacy Fund	Not me (1).....Open (5).....Let’s go! (10)
Mentoring children in the foster care system.	Not me (1).....Open (5).....Let’s go! (10)

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<sup>1</sup> Reprinted from *God’s Heart for the Orphan* by Rick and Kay Warren.