



¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

- John 1: 10-13

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John 1: 10-13

I never was the type to go to God. It was never openly talked about in my house. We went to church on Sundays, but then I went to a Lutheran high school. It wasn't until my junior and senior year I really got into looking at the Bible and looking into why God does what He does. I tried to find those answers throughout the Bible such as why he would bring me into this world and why He would put me into a world where my parents weren't able to care for me and love me.

After years of questioning God and searching through His word for a reason. I came across this scripture. To me, this scripture is telling us that no matter what happens on earth, we are God's children. We will always be God's children, no matter if we are with our biological parents or someone that is not related to us in any way. We can trust Him and believe in His word because He is our Father. We are adopted by God through His death on the cross, through baptism, through believing in His word, and through living life out in Him.

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apply to your life:

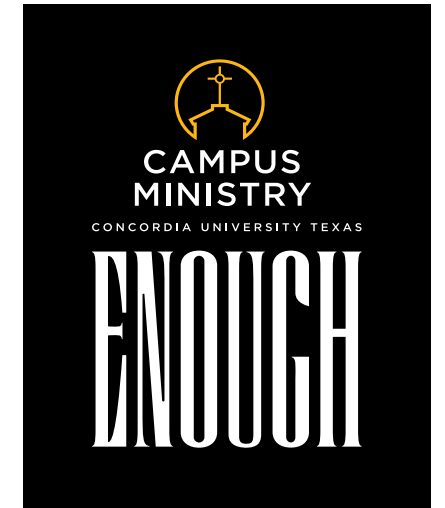
1. Where can we turn when we feel like we have no place and/or no purpose in this crazy world that we live in?
2. What does it mean to be a child of God to you? How can we show that in our daily lives?
3. When was a time that you saw God's plan at work, even if it went against your own plans?



PRAYER:

PRAYER: Dear God, I thank you. I thank you for always being there for me. For not abandoning me in my times of sin. For not giving up on me when I do you wrong. I thank you for this opportunity in life to be made new and the journey that I know is not ending but has only just begun. Amen.

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QUESTIONS:

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1. When was a time you felt like you were abandoned? Like nothing was going your way. Or share a time when you felt like your world was just turned upside down.
2. How did you see God through that struggle and through those times of feeling lost?
3. How can you feel like you are connected to others at CTX?

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