

October 23, 2016  
Following Jesus Series  
Following Jesus: Leads Us into the Heart of Adoption  
Alex Himaya

1. How has following Jesus changed you?
2. In what way would you say you followed Jesus this week?
3. How many orphans did Alex Himaya say are in the world? (**143 million**) If you had these orphans hold hands in a line, with over 1,700 per mile, how long would the line be? (**It would go around the world 3 times.**)
4. List the four things Alex listed that God values according to a number of scriptures. (**Marriage and family, children, orphans, adoption**)
5. James 1:27 says “Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for the orphans and widows in their troubles.”
  - \*How have you cared or how can you care for the widows and orphans?
  - \*How else would you define “pure and undefiled religion”?
  - \*Are there any “religious” thing we do that aren’t bad but really aren’t part of “pure religion”?
  - \*When do you feel most like the Jesus you see in the gospels?
6. When, like Alex, have you searched the scripture to determine the will or character of God? What prompted that search?
7. What are three points Alex says the Bible makes about orphans? (**We should protect them, provide for them, prioritize them.**)
8. How can we protect, provide or prioritize orphans? Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to look into any aspect of caring for orphans (for example--adopting, praying, funding, or supporting)?
9. God promises to bless those who provide for orphans. Can you give an example of this in your life or the life of another?
10. What was or is your reaction to the statement Alex made that the church can’t be pro-life without being pro-adoption? Christians have been accused of being pro-birth rather than pro-life. Do you think that’s true of some?