

THEMES & QUESTIONS

Counting the Cost- Adoption as Gospel

1. Why did you adopt? (motivation)
2. Prior to adopting did you hear more positive or negative stories about adoption?
3. Did you have immediate unity in your decision to adopt? (explain)
4. What has adoption cost you? Did you feel you had counted that cost?

Siblings and Integration with bio children

5. Describe the relationship between your biological children and adopted children
6. What was the biggest challenge in new sibling relationships
7. How have your biological children expressed their feelings (before/during/after)

Loss and Grief

8. How did your child process the loss of what was left behind?
9. What (if any) things have triggered emotions?

Taking off the Rose Colored Glasses - when expectations and reality collide

10. Looking back, what were your expectations about adoption?
11. What were your expectations about raising an adopted child? Where did they come from? Which were met or unmet?
12. What were your expectations about the initial bonding process? Which were met or unmet?

Diamonds in the Rough- Unexpected Blessings in adoption

13. What has been a positive way that adoption has surprised you?
14. What have your children taught you about yourself, about God?

Gratitude and Entitlement - can I get a thank you??

15. Did you view your adoption as a rescue?
16. How did your child view their adoption?
17. In what ways does your child express or not express gratitude (whether that be about the adoption or anything).
18. How has your child/ren expressed love to you?

What God speaks— lessons learned in adoption

19. What is one key way you have seen the Lord show himself in this process?
20. How has he grown you in this process?
21. What was the hardest moment

Dear Me....what I wish I'd known

22. If you could transport back to when you were starting this process, what would you tell yourself?
23. Looking back, what advice would you have given yourself for that first year home?

Wisdom for those considering

24. What is one question you would ask a family preparing to adopt [an older child] [from Ukraine] [a child with special needs]?
25. What is one thing you didn't have that would have improved your adoption process?
26. What is one piece of advice you would offer to a family preparing to adopt [an older child] [from Ukraine] [a child with special needs]?