

How can this group support you in prayer this coming week?



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God's identity as the Father

My identity as His child



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Message-based Group Lesson

Overview

One of the most powerful truths in all of Scripture is that the heart of God the Father is the central defining reality of the story of God. In this series we will take a closer look at the Father, exploring its importance for us. We will also look at specific attributes of God in light of our experience of them as His children. This first message focuses on the beautiful truth of the Father's loving heart for us.

Our own distorted views of "father" often impact our view of God. We tend to view God through our "father" lenses rather than looking at our earthly fathers through the lens of our heavenly Father. A right understanding of the love of our Father and learning to rest in it is the foundation for a vibrant and healthy life.

Engaging with each other

1. Name some of the dads that you've seen portrayed on various TV shows.
2. As a youth or child, did any of these dads impact the way you viewed what fathers should or should not be like?

Engaging with the Bible

1. Read 1 John 3:1 and John 3:16 in a few different translations.
2. What are some of the key words within these verses?
 - 1 John 3:1:
 - John 3:16:

3. What do these words reveal about God as Father?
4. Describe some differences between your earthly father and our heavenly Father.
5. What are some family traits the children of God should have because of who their Father is?
6. Describe the hope that we have as the children of God.

Engaging with our lives

1. What is one idea from this Sunday's message that was especially meaningful to you?
2. In what ways will these truths from the Bible impact your view of:
 - The importance of your role as a parent (biological or spiritual)?
 - Being a child of God?