

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



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Message-based Group Lesson

Overview

This second part of our “Daddy Issues” series focuses on two attributes of God, His omnipotence and His omniscience. These attributes can either seem descriptive of a distant God unrelated to me or even seem menacing and threatening to me. But when we view these attributes through the lens of God as our loving Father they become qualities that can produce hope, security, and freedom.

Engaging with each other

1. What are some of the sources of power and authority in our world that we respect or fear?
2. In what ways does God as the most powerful force in the universe impact our view of any other source of power?

Engaging with the Bible

1. Read Psalm 147:5, Genesis 17:1, and Proverbs 15:3. What attributes of God are revealed through these verses?
2. How do these attributes give you hope as you see them through the lens of God as a loving Father?
3. Read 1 Kings 18:20-40. Contrast Elijah’s taunts towards the prophets of Baal in 18:27 with his reverent and expectant prayer to the Lord in 18:36-37. What is revealed about God through this story?
4. How does God’s power on behalf of Elijah support His own reputation and vindicate His servant? What hope do we draw from this?

5. Read Psalm 139. David utterly exhausts the imagination to express the depths of God’s sovereign care and intimate knowledge of him. He concludes by asking the Lord to search his heart and lead him “in the way everlasting.” Describe the level of intimacy between God the Father and David.
6. How was David’s intimacy with God formed by his view of God’s great power?

Engaging with our lives

1. Why do you think God’s great power draws some into intimacy with Him while others respond negatively to it?
2. What part of Psalm 139:23-34 most resonates with you personally right now? What would your personal response to God be?
3. This past week, did you feel more like you were resting in an intimate relationship with God as His child, or more like a distant relative? How can you improve your relationship with God this week?