

OUR FATHER

BIG IDEA

Because Almighty God is my good Father, He wants to meet my every need.

OPENER

As you believe in God, the good Father, what are you most thankful for in your relationship with Him?

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:9-13

QUESTIONS

1. Is it challenging for you to address God as Father? Why or why not?
2. We learn in Matthew 3:17 that God the Father was “well pleased” with Jesus. Since you believe in Christ for your salvation, do you accept as truth that God the Father sees you in the same way he sees Christ Jesus? Share. Do you find it easier to have a more intimate relationship with either Jesus or God (the Father)? Why? (In John 8:19, 10:30 & 14:10 Jesus says, “I and the Father are one” and “if you knew me you would know my Father also.”)
3. As a group, take a moment to learn about God’s heart for you, through Christ, by reading the following verses aloud: 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT), Romans 8:15-17, Ephesians 1:3. Share which of these truths most expands your view of God *your* Father?
4. Take a moment to read how Satan deceived Eve in Genesis 3:1-8; Satan challenged Eve’s view of God. He misled Eve to believe that God wasn’t good and that she couldn’t trust God, so she would have to take matters into her own hands. Today, Satan still distorts our views of God, self, sin, and what our actual needs are. How has Satan distorted your view of your heavenly Father, of yourself, or of your actual needs?
5. Reactive Attachment Disorder is a condition in which orphans don’t know how to bond with a loving caregiver—because they have never had one. Because sin separated humanity from God, we are all born with a spiritual Attachment Disorder. Many Christians that have been adopted into God’s family still have not really connected with God as a daily protector, provider and friend. Where do you see yourself in the healing process of believing your Heavenly Father fully loves you, protects you and wants to hear from you? Where do you find it hard to trust that God is good?
6. Write an “I will statement” regarding the area of your life in which you will choose to believe that God is good and wants the best for you?

TAKEAWAY

Reprogram your view of God, seeing Him as your intimate, loving Father.

If you see God as your good Father, you will see problems and solutions differently.

Your enemy wants you to think God is against you when He is actually for you.

Your Father God is saving a spot for you!

REFERENCES

Psalms 68:5-6

Matthew 7:9-11, 18:2-3

Hebrews 4:16, 10:19, 22

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Luke 15:11-32. In this passage, God is portrayed as a loving Father. What do you learn about God from this passage? What do you learn about mankind from this passage?
- Read Matthew 21:22, James 1:6-8 and Psalm 66:18. From these passages what things can keep you from having an intimate relationship with the Father?