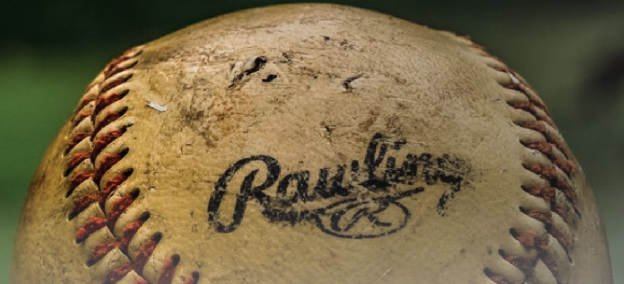




FATHER'S DAY



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Father's Day

Discussion Guide
June 17, 2018

Questions for Study

1. Spend some time sharing any notable Father's Day memories – maybe something you did for your dad growing up, ways you're spending Father's Day this year, etc.
2. Why is it important to celebrate dads and acknowledge their influence?
3. In the Old Testament book of Esther, we meet someone named Mordecai who consistently shines as an example of a godly man who makes a positive impact. Read Esther 2:5-7, then answer the following questions:
 - What important background information do these verses give us on Mordecai?
 - What insights does this give about Mordecai's character?
 - Even though Mordecai wasn't Esther's biological dad, he was a father figure in her life. Why is having a father figure important? If you're a guy, to whom can you be a godly father figure?
4. We learn a lot more about Mordecai as the story of Esther continues. Read the following passages. After each, summarize what they tell us about Mordecai in a word or short phrase.
 - Esther 2:11
 - Esther 2:20
 - Esther 3:1-4
 - Esther 4:6-17
 - Esther 9:20-23
 - Esther 10:1-3
5. Choose one of the "take-aways" from Mordecai's life, based on what you observed in the previous question. How can you grow in and model this quality in your own life?
6. Share other examples from your own life about ways godly men have made a big difference in your life, or the lives of others you know. Get specific in mentioning what stands out to you from their example, and positive ways they've made a difference in who you are today.
7. What can you do this week to encourage a "godly guy" in your life, and say "thanks" for his positive influence on you?