

Loving Our Father

Focus: on delighting to love God as our good and loving and powerful Father



RESOURCES:

You may want to share this encouraging article with your group. You could begin your discussion based on this if you wanted to:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/three-things-we-should-know-about-god>

and here is a helpful article in defense of using father language concerning God:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/july-august/why-we-call-god-father.html?share=%2b%2bzCpcRNYnqY36N6J3Q24pWuCKKrSZo1>

Discussion:

- Let several of your group share a story about their father that is a loving memory.
- Read Matt. 7:7-11. How would you use this passage to help someone who had a poor father growing up worship God as their heavenly Father? Discuss reasons why this is too important to give up. (Note: be gentle with any who are deeply wrestling with this as a result of an abuse or absent father)
- Read Matt. 5:43-48; 6:25-34 and 6:9-13. After each one is read, compile a list of insights about God as our Father from that passage. Share how you have seen God that way in your lives and why that endears God to you.
- Close with a time of prayer to God, thanking and praising Him that He is a good, loving and powerful Father!

2016 Annual Priority:

To establish a greater devotion to owning and being shaped by the three great loves embedded in our mission statement's goal of becoming a mature and ministering worshiper of God; love for God, love for the church, and love of neighbor.

