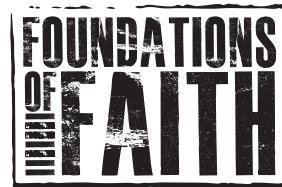


Lesson #5: Father Heart of God



Our Need for the Father

Tell Story on our need for a loving Father

God our Father

God can be described in a lot of ways. He is our creator and savior. He is holy, loving and all-powerful. In the New Testament, we come to know Him as Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit. When Jesus came he showed us what the Father is like and how to have a relationship with Him. When you come to faith in Jesus, you are adopted into God's family (Romans 8:15). God becomes your father.

Read Matthew 7:7-11. What does this verse teach us about God? _____

Read Daniel 3:13-28. What do these verses teach us about God's protection of us? _____

Read Matthew 6:31-34. Why are God's children not to worry? _____

Read Hebrews 12:5-11.

Why does God discipline us? _____

What are the results of God's discipline? _____

Parable of the Father and two sons

What does this story teach us about God as our father?

Knowing God as our perfect Father

We all have an earthly father. Like it or not our relationship (or lack of relationship) with our earthly father has significantly shaped the way we each view God as our heavenly Father for good or for bad.

Check the words below that best describe your earthly father.

Distant and disinterested

Kind and compassionate

Passive and cold

Nitpicking or perfectionistic

Warm and accepting

Slow to anger

Impatient and harsh

Too busy for me

Faithful to protect and provide

Disciplines because he loves me

Wants to help me

Condemning and unforgiving

Full of grace when I fail

Let's me do whatever I want

Unconditionally loves me

In what ways do you think your relationship with your earthly father has shaped the way you view God? _____

Pray for one another that you would know God for who he really is.

➔ Continue to hold each other accountable to practicing what we have learned in past weeks. This week, take time to focus on the Father heart of God.