



BIG IDEA

Nothing will change you more than experiencing the love of your father.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Who is the most loving person in your life? What do they do to show you that they love you?

Read Luke 11:11-13. What argument is Jesus making regarding the character of God?

Jesus is bringing attention to the fact that God is much more holy and loving than any earthly father could be. His love surpasses all others by a large margin.

Not all of us can say with certainty that our earthly fathers have given “good gifts” to us as children. Our experiences with our father could impact the way we understand Jesus’ words in this passage significantly. As you prepare for your time in Life Group this week, pray that God would make you sensitive to the way people respond to this passage. Ask for wisdom in how to care for them in what could be a very difficult conversation.

Read 1 John 3:1-3. How does John’s understanding of the love of God compare to Jesus’ understanding in Luke?

Jesus and John seem to be on the same page when it comes to their understanding of the Father’s love. Have you ever considered the fact that God loves you as his child just as much as he loves Jesus?

What promise(s) can you identify in this passage?

The lavish love of Jesus brings us into a family relationship with God the Father. There is a hope that we rest in that we will be like Jesus.

How do these promises impact your understanding of purity and sin?

John is teaching us in this passage that the promise of being like Jesus will motivate believers to purify themselves. If we do not have a desire to be pure, like Jesus, then we most likely don’t understand what it means to be called “children of God.”

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Read 1 John 3:9-10. How has the nature of sin affected your relationship with God?

In this weekend’s message, Cal called sin rebellion against the Father. What is your initial reaction to this statement?





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How has your relationship with your earthly father affected your relationship with God as your heavenly father?

Be sensitive to the issues that may come up during this discussion. Some people may have incredible relationships with their dads, which enable them to receive the love of God more easily. Others will have a hard time believing that a father could love them this way.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. How has God been changing your nature in order to look more like him? Where in your life could you afford to look more like your heavenly Father?

Take time to encourage and even celebrate some in your group that have put away something from their "old" nature.

What are some steps you can take this week to make your relationship with your heavenly Father vibrant again? What soot must be cleaned away in order to see Him more clearly?

How will you share the love of your heavenly father with others this week?

