
Use these questions and resources during your study time or with your group.

RECAP: Life makes sense when we see God as our Father. His love, presence, and voice are enough to carry us through anything.

MAIN POINTS

- “Sonship” is **Spiritual**, Not Biological.
- “Sonship” is based on **Position**, not Performance.
- “Sonship” is **Received**, not Achieved.

GETTING STARTED

- What's a challenge you've completed that you're still oddly proud of? (It can be serious or completely ridiculous!)

SCRIPTURE

- [John 14:8-9, Ephesians 1:17, Hosea 11:1-4, Ecclesiastes 9:7, Psalm 35:27, Matthew 3:17, 2 Peter 1:17, Matthew 4:3](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Throughout the message, Tom emphasizes that understanding God as Father changes how we understand ourselves and life. **Why do you think the image of God as Father is so central in the Bible, and what challenges or questions might people have about that image?**
- Jesus tells Philip, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." Based on the examples and stories shared in the message, **what do we learn about God's character by looking at Jesus? What picture of God emerges from the message?**
- The message contrasts two ways of relating to God: earning acceptance through performance versus receiving acceptance as a child. **What is the difference between these two approaches, and why do you think that distinction is so important in the Christian faith?**

APPLICATION

- The message suggests that many of our struggles are connected to identity. **When life gets difficult, what voices are you most tempted to listen to, and how do those voices shape the way you see yourself?**
- Tom described the difference between living *for* acceptance and living *from* acceptance. **Which of those mindsets do you find yourself slipping into more often, and what impact does that have on your daily life?**
- The phrase "Show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" was a key theme of the message. **What would it look like for you to know God more deeply in this season, and how might that change the way you approach a current challenge or circumstance?**

RESOURCES

- "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal**, and have been endowed by their Creator with certain rights." - United States Declaration of Independence
- "It was Christianity that taught the world that **every person ought to matter**. Now is not the time to abandon or betray that truth." - Russell Moore