

## Announcements

**LAST DAY TO JOIN IN!**



**Baby Bottle**  
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- 1

**Pick Up Bottles - May 10th**  
on **Mother's Day**
- 2

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- 3

**Drop Them Off - June 21st**  
on **Father's Day**

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*entering new life in Christ,  
embracing life-principles of Christ, and  
empowered for life service by Christ*

## June 21, 2026

**Elders**

**Pastor Norman Carlisle** Lead Pastor  
**Rev. Mike Henderson** Associate Pastor  
**Martin Rosario**  
**Jamie Sumner**  
**Enoch Whipple**

**Ministers:**

**ALL BELIEVERS**

**Youth Director/  
Assistant to the Pastor**

**Tim Corbett**

**Deacons**

**James Odinyo** Lead Deacon  
**Alexander Algard**  
**Hannah Bovard**  
**Micah Carlisle**  
**Tim Corbett**  
**Brock Nearhoof**  
**Kriss Olivo**



## The Week Ahead...



Current Series:  
**The Book of Hebrews**  
In Fellowship Hall

**Lifeinary**  
*Theology learned and lived!*  
**9:30am**  
for all ages

Current Series:  
**Evangelical Theology**  
In Youth Room

### Worship Service

**10:30am**

- Fellowship (in Fellowship hall)
- Welcome & Announcements Ben Bovard
- Baby Dedication Ellie Mae Rosario
- Opening Song Music Team
- Scripture Reading & Prayer Michele Schneck
- Message Norman Carlisle
- Praise & Ministry Music Team
- Closing Prayer Michele Schneck

*\*additional seating available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall*

### Children's Info

**Infants & Nursing Mothers -**  
Nursery Downstairs under Foyer

**Children's Church (18mo - 6th grade) -**  
Check in available Upstairs Classrooms

### Offering



If you would like to give an **Offering** today, please place it in one of the boxes in the **Sanctuary** with your name clearly printed on your envelope. You can also give **Online** through the church **Website** or **App**.

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday School - 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday Morning Service - 10:30am**

**Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No Events

**Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Home Group - 7pm** at The Nearhoof's

**Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor's Meeting - noon** in the Fellowship Hall  
**Foundation Youth Group - 7pm** at Micah's House

**Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

No Events

**Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

No Events

**Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Property Expansion Craft Night - 6:30pm** Fellowship Hall  
**Music Practice - 6pm** in the Sanctuary

## Romans 8:14-15 (NASB)

**14** For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God. **15** For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons and daughters by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

## **Discussion Guide**

Date: June 21, 2026

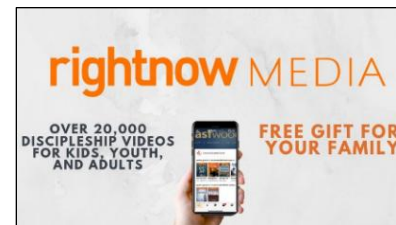
Sermon Title:

“The Father Of The Kingdom”



### **More about Home Groups...**

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## **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES** (NASB unless otherwise noted)

**Matthew 23:37-39 (Pre-Text)**

**John 5:8-21 (Main Text)**

8 Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk."

9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was a Sabbath on that day.

10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is a Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

11 But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.' "

12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick it up and walk'?"

13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place.

14 Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."

15 The man went away, and informed the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on a Sabbath.

17 But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way.

20 For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

## **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**

**Genesis 1:26-28**

**Isaiah 64:8**

**Exodus 4:22**

**Psalms 103:13**

**Matthew 6:9**

**Romans 8:15**

**1 John 3:1**

## **OPENING DISCUSSION**

1. What was the main thing you learned from the sermon?
2. What questions do you have about anything that was raised during the message?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How does man as male and female reflect the image of God?
2. In what ways is God pictured as a "Father" in the Old Testament?
3. Why do you think the Jewish people of Jesus time were hesitant to use the term "Father" as a way to relate to God?
4. How did the rigid rules of the Jews blind them to God's fatherly nature to care for his children?
5. What scripture can you think of that show sickness is sometimes related to sin? (James 4:12-16, 1 Corinthians 11:28-30).
6. What scripture shows that sickness isn't always (mostly?) the result of a personal sin? (John 9:2-3, 1 Timothy 5:23)
7. In what ways does Jesus accomplish the Father's work in John 5:8-21?
8. Why is it not Biblically accurate to use the phrase "we are all God's children" in reference to everyone who inhabits this planet?
9. What specific things are granted us as adopted children of God?
10. How do think the church might be more effective if Christians understood the love of the Father more fully?