



Happy Father's Day!

As you go through these questions, please note that "dad" could mean your spiritual father or father figure, and not limited to your biological father.

Icebreaker: What's a favorite memory that you have with your dad? Or what's a quality about your dad that you admire?

1. We heard from 3 fathers and their experience not only as a dad, but as a son of our Heavenly Father. Which story did you resonate with? Reflect on the verses that they shared below:

Ephesians 6:4 - Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21 - Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

James 3:17 - But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

James 3:13 - If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

Malachi 4:6 - He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

2. REPAIR: Why is a dad saying "I was wrong" so much harder than it sounds – and what does it do to a kid when he finally hears it?
3. MIRROR: If your kids learned who God is mostly by watching you, what would they have gotten right about Him – and what would you want to correct? (can answer this question about yourself or about your dad)
4. Where have you most felt yourself being fathered by God? Or when in your life did you evidently experience God as your Father?
5. What is something practical you can do to show gratitude to your dad this week?
6. Father's Day holds many emotions and many stories. For some, it is full of joy and celebration. For others, it can be tender, difficult, or deeply personal. Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another based on what you've heard or shared.