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Groups Sermon Study Questions

What is the measure of a man?

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Message Summary

The world is full of images of what it means to be a man. Men are portrayed as dopey, irresponsible, and aloof. Men are portrayed as muscle-bound, athletic, party animals. Men are portrayed as bearded outdoorsmen (or perhaps indoorsmen). But what does God have to say about manhood? God has designed all of us in His image and showed us what it takes to be a man that lives His way.

Consider This

How does our culture define manhood? (Look at examples found in our TV shows and movies that are popular today)

Do you think the cultural perception of manhood has an impact on how you view manhood? Why or Why not?

Do you believe there to be a difference between manhood and womanhood? Why or Why Not?

Read each of the following psalms: Psalm 2:4-9; 27:10; 68:4-6; 89:26; 103:13-19; 146:1-10

All of them show God's heart as our Father. You can answer the questions below for each psalm individually or corporately.

- 1. How is God described as a Father?
- 2. Do you see him this way? Why or Why Not?
- 3. How does this picture of our Heavenly Father impact the way we live each day?

Read Joshua 1:2-9*

- 4. Joshua is assuming his role as leader of God's people. What is God's encouragement to Joshua?
- 5. Why was it important for Joshua to be "strong and courageous"? What was God's promise to Joshua at the end of verse 9?
- 6. What does it look like to be "strong and courageous" for you? Is it difficult? Why or Why Not?

Read Matthew 5:1-12*

- 7. Are these characteristics you think of when you think of manhood?
- 8. Which of these characteristics stands out to you? Why?
- 9. Is it possible to be "strong and courageous" and "poor in spirit" or "meek" at the same time?
- 10. Which of these characteristics do you need to incorporate into your life? How can you do so?

Read Micah 6:8*

11. What are the characteristics that God is after in each of us?

- 12. What does it look like to "act justly"? (In the Hebrew justly is a legal term i.e. to do what's right)
- 13. What does it look like to "love mercy"? (In the Hebrew mercy is a term used to described God's loving kindness)
- 14. What does it look like to "walk humbly" with God? (In Hebrew "humbly" is a term used to describe a willingness to submit to another or show humility in a relationship)

Action Steps

Walk the Talk

Take a look at the passages below. Each are instructions on how men are to interact in their sphere of influence. What commonalities do you see in each of these passages? How can you incorporate living this way?

Ephesians 5:22-6:9, Colossians 3:18-4:1, 1 Peter 3:1-7

For Further Study

Check out these resources for further study:

RightNow Media Bible Studies

"Seeing God as a Perfect Father" by Louie Giglio

"33 The Series: Vol. 1-5" by Authentic Manhood

"Play the Man" by Mark Batterson

"Stepping Up" by Dennis Rainey

Books

"Wild at Heart" by John Eldridge

"Every Man's Battle" by Stephen Arterburn, Fred Stoeker, & Mike Yorkey

"Tender Warrior" by Stu Weber

^{*}These verses do reflect a general call to all to live in this manner and is not specific either manhood or womanhood. It demonstrates a posture of living that all of us should follow.