

# Title

"The Journey of Fatherhood: A Roundtable Reflection"

## Summary

In this special Father's Day sermon, we heard from a panel of fathers at different stages in their parenting journey. From the fresh experiences of a new dad to the seasoned insights of grandfathers, each shared personal stories, challenges, and wisdom gained through their fatherhood experiences. They discussed the importance of being present, preparing children for the world, and the role of faith in raising a family. The panel also touched on the significance of mentorship, accountability, and the legacy that fathers leave behind.

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather today to reflect on the messages shared in the sermon, we ask for Your guidance and wisdom. Open our hearts and minds to the lessons You have for us, and help us be receptive to the insights and experiences these fathers share. May our discussion be fruitful and bring us closer to understanding Your purpose for us as parents, mentors, and leaders in our families and communities. Amen.

## Ice Breaker

What is one fond memory you have of your father or a father figure in your life?

## Key Verses

- Ephesians 6:4 (NIV): "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." - Proverbs 22:6 (NIV): "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

## Questions

1. How has your perspective on fatherhood changed since becoming a parent?
2. What are some ways you've found to be present with your children despite a busy schedule?
3. How do you balance discipline with grace in your parenting?
4. Can you share an example of a time when you had to let your child face the consequences of their actions?
5. What role has your faith played in your journey as a father?

6. How have you approached the topic of legacy with your children?
7. In what ways have you sought or provided mentorship in fatherhood?
8. What advice would you give to a new father or someone about to become a father?

## **Life Application**

This week, take the time to engage in an intentional activity with your child or a young person in your life. It could be as simple as a conversation over dinner, a walk, or working on a project together. Use this time to listen, connect, and see what you can learn from each other.

## **Key Takeaways**

### **The Power of Presence**

Being present is crucial in your children's lives. It's not just about being physically there but also emotionally and spiritually engaged. This presence builds trust, fosters communication, and creates lasting memories.

### **Preparing Children for the World**

Fatherhood involves equipping children to navigate a fallen world while maintaining their faith. Using the full armor of God as a guide can help fathers instill values that will serve their children throughout their lives.

### **Legacy Beyond Material**

The legacy a father leaves is not just about material possessions but the values, faith, and love they impart. It's about living a life that inspires children and grandchildren to walk in truth and love.

### **Mentorship and Accountability**

Fathers need the support of a community. Engaging in mentorship and seeking accountability from other godly men can strengthen a father's journey and provide wisdom and encouragement.