

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your relationship with your father like growing up? What happens when the relationship between a child and parent matures?
2. How has your relationship with your earthly father impacted your view of God as your Heavenly Father?
3. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What does the literal translation of “Everlasting Father,” meaning “Forever Father,” communicate? What does having a Forever Father mean for you?
4. Read Isaiah 49:15-16. Can a baby live without someone else caring for his or her basic needs? How does verse 15 speak to us about having God’s hand upon our lives?
5. What does verse 16 communicate about God the Father’s love for you? How does your understanding of the Father’s love for you compel you to worship him?
6. Read Matthew 7:7-11. Sadly, there are abusive, neglectful and absent parents, but would you ever give any child a stone to eat?
7. Why does Jesus call earthly fathers “evil?” Does that offend you? Why or why not?
8. What was the greatest gift your parents ever gave you? Why do you still remember that particular gift?
9. Do you view God as a Forever Father who desires to give you “good gifts?” Please explain.
10. What is the greatest gift your Forever Father has given you? How does this gift help you believe that he loves you and will care for your needs forever?
11. How does your view of God’s goodness impact your willingness to ask him for your heart’s desire, and to trust him no matter what his answer is to your request?
12. What is the Holy Spirit compelling you to ask of God the Father now? Who in your life needs to hear about the Father’s love this Christmas?



Everlasting Father

Isaiah 9:6-7

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