

Week 3- "A Trustworthy Father"

So often our perspective of God is not defined by discovering what Jesus has to say about who God is. For most people the perspective of God is defined by life experiences, thoughts, and the opinions of others. In this week's message we continue to look at the reality that we often have an image of who God is and we discover that the God Jesus knows is a trustworthy Father.

- 1. How would you feel if other people's assumptions of you kept them from getting to know who you really are?
- 2. Is it difficult for you to let others see when you are struggling? Why or why not?
- 3. What is your picture of Father?
- 4. How does your picture of Father influence your image of God?
- 5. Is your picture consistent with the God Jesus knows?

Read Mark 14:32-36

Jesus knew in the garden that His "Daddy" was with Him and went on to acknowledge that God was trustworthy even though He was facing the cross.

- 6. How would you describe your trust level when it comes to God? *question taken from "The Good and Beautiful God" by James Bryan Smith
- 7. What are some things that have happened in your life that make you question if God is trustworthy?

Read Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

- 8. The God Jesus knows is Pure, Powerful, Present, He Provides, Pardons, and Protects. Which one of these have you come to know is true about God?
- 9. Which one of those characteristics of God do you need to discover the most?

This week will you build muscle memory around the idea that God is a good Father by reading twice a day the Lord's Prayer? (Matthew 6:9-13) As you read, you can ask Him to help you see and know in your heart that He is Pure, Powerful, Present, He Provides, Pardons, and Protects.

Leaders: You can drop this in your group's messaging app or text thread so that group members can screenshot it and look at it every day.