

TALK IT OVER GROUP GUIDE: 20170619



WELCOME

LOVE PEOPLE EXTRAVAGANTLY

Let's make everyone feel welcome, especially the new faces in the group. Ask people to share testimonies of what God has done in the last few weeks.

WORSHIP

LOVE GOD EXTRAVAGANTLY

SING! And encourage the members to really lay aside the business of the past week, and focus on connecting with God, and what He wants to do in our lives tonight.

WORD

IMPART A VICTORIOUS LIFESTYLE

Good Fathers Day

Most born again believers, as well as people with some awareness about Christianity, have an understanding that we serve a God who is known to be part of the 'Trinity' Godhead. In other words, He is three in One: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In light of this knowledge, our context of who God is remains vitally important, as this determines 'how', or in what light we view and understand our God and who He is, and what His intension is towards us.

This week we are focussing on the Father. For many people, when they hear this word it invokes feelings of love, patience, protection, and many more great things. Yet for many others it may invoke just the opposite feelings, as a sense of hurt, hatred, rejection, and pain rise to the surface. We need to uncover the true nature of the 'Father Heart' of God to truly understand His utter love and affection for us!

Three of the Best:

As we unpack this topic, we see three key aspects of God the Father come to light :

1. Discuss leaders:
 - What stands out as the main characteristics of a leader?
 - What characteristics do you look for in your spiritual leaders?
2. Read 1 Timothy 3: 4-5 and discuss:
 - Here we see God lists a person “Who has his family in order...”
 - This is incredible, that of so many important traits a leader must have, it is the ability to be a great parent to the people that is considered most important
 - How can a man look after the flock if he cannot look after his own family correctly?
3. Read: Matthew 18:1-3 and discuss:
 - Why should we come to God as children?
 - We need to learn to trust God as a child blindly trusts their parents
 - This shows us, **GOD THINKS FAMILY**
4. Read Luke 15:1-7 and discuss:
 - What are the standout points here?
 - Why would he leave the 99 to go after the one?
 - The 99 were in a safe place (Church) and had each other to be with
 - This shows us that **PEOPLE ARE HIS PRIZE**
5. Read Hebrews 12:6-9 and discuss:
 - Why do we need correction?
 - Is it important to understand that God is **ALWAYS A GOOD FATHER**
 - He sent His own son to die that we may be restored back to Him

So as we have recently celebrated father's day and all we have to appreciate in our earthly fathers, let us not forget who our Father in heaven really is. He loves us so much more than we could ever know and we should never view Him in the light of anything negative we have ever experienced here on earth. These three points – GOD THINKS FAMILY, PEOPLE ARE HIS PRIZE, and ALWAYS A GOOD FATHER - are just scratching the surface of all the great aspects of our heavenly Father, but they are important to know.

WORKS

BE A RESOURCE + TOUCH THE WORLD

Let's pray for:

1. Special prayer where people have been hurt by their earthly fathers (SPLIT MEN AND WOMEN)
2. Special needs of anyone in the group

REMINDER:

- Mens Breakfast – Sat 24 June 2017, 7am-9am
- Holiday Club – Tues 04 – Fri 07 July, 8:30am-12pm, 6-13 yrs