

## Sermon Discussion Questions

### Father's Day Knowing Our Father

June 17, 18 2018 Wendy and Nate Elarton

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#### 1. Read Psalm 103:6–13

<sup>6</sup>The LORD performs righteous deeds And judgments for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

What attributes in this verses describe our Heavenly Father?

2. Were you close to your earthly dad? Share. Has this influenced your view of the Father?

3. Wendy shared about the compassion of our Father. When have you experienced God's compassion before? (either upon you, or through you to others?)

4. Why is it hard for many to view God as compassionate, loving, and full of grace?

5. Matthew 5.48 quotes Jesus saying *Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect* No one is perfect. Was what Pastor Nate said about this new to you? What did you think of his comments?

6. Why is it comforting to know God is stable?

"For I, the LORD, do not change; ..." Malachi 3:6

7. Read Proverbs 3.5-6. How is this verse powerful to us with a Father we can trust?

8. When is it hardest to sense Father's presence? Why? How can that be approached?

9. Romans 8.15 "For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

Father is our Father. He is yours. You can call him "dad". This can be a game-changer for your life and walk. Your view of Father, affects your faith in Him. How does this truth lead you to God's goodness?

*Close in prayer, led by the Holy Spirit about what the Lord is showing you.*