

Sermon Discussion Questions: This I Believe | God the Father
April 14,15 2018 Compelled Church, Nate Elarton

1. Share what the Lord was/is speaking to you from the message this last couple weeks?

2." *Truth is necessary for Abundant Life*" Pastor Nate keeps saying this. Why is this valid? Can you share something personal where Truth brought you blessing?

3. Read these three Scriptures together. What is said about God being Father?

David says "He will cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' Psalm 89:26

Psalm 103:13 "Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him."

Isaiah 64.8 " But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand."

4. Read Matthew 6.1-8. How many times is "Father" used by Jesus? Why is this important? What is being communicated by using this understanding of "Father?"

5. Why do so many struggle with the concept of God being a Father?

6. Is this a challenge for you? If "yes" how can that be overcome?

Our struggle may be identifying with the term "father" based on our life experience.
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7. Read this from Pastor Nate's Notes talk about these 3 statements? How can these change the way we look at God? Interact with God? Have a daily relationship with God?

- If you did not have a father like the heavenly father, you are not alone
- If you did not learn what a great father is on earth, learn it in your experience with the Lord now.
- He is your Father. He is a good Father. He is loving, caring, compassionate, patient, affirming, giving, and just knowing He is near, bring confidence, faith, and security beyond comprehension.

8. Read this verse.

"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!" Romans 8:15

What did Pastor Nate say about the word "Abba?". What do you think of this? What do you think about the idea of being adopted into the family of God.

9. If time, close with reading Galatians 4. 1-7 and discuss it together.

Pray you will learn and know the Lord as Father, and all that means to us as sons and daughters.