

Our Father - Matthew 6:9

In our second message on 'the Family Business', Bob speaks from the first line of the Lord's Prayer to expound on the glorious reality of sinners not just saved but adopted into God's family.

For personal reflection/ community discussion:

1. Read this quote from J.I. Packer again, that Bob read at the beginning of the sermon: "f you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father." How does that statement sit with you? If you're being honest with yourself, how much are you making of God as your Father? How does, or doesn't, it shapes your view of God and your relationship with him?

2. Who is God to you? Do you think God relates differently to you based on how well or badly we are doing?

3. What does it mean to call God "Father"? Consider that he is "in heaven": He is holy, immortal, invisible, infinite, glorious, etc. and yet calling him "father" (not daddy!) is familial and intimate.

4. Read 1John 3:1-3 together: What does it mean to you to be an adopted child of God? What does a life as God's child look like?

5. Lastly, why does it say “**our** father”, not just “**my** father”? Consider that we are all adopted into the one family of God. How might this shape how you pray for and live with your brothers and sisters?