

Everlasting Father

- 1. A Father _____
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- 2. A Father _____
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- 3. A Father _____
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- 4. A Father _____
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Group Questions

1. For a few minutes, do some online searches for these things:
 - a. Longest-running episodic TV show. - Longest recorded song in history. - How far is the North Pole to the South Pole? - How far will you have to travel east before you start traveling west?
2. Was there anything that stood out to you from this week message?
3. What was your relationship with your earthly father like? How does that shape/misshape your view of God as father?
4. Read [Isaiah 9:1-7](#). As you read, consider what Israel might have felt, reading or hearing that the person who was coming would have an everlasting rule. Why would this have mattered?
 - a. In what ways might it create hope and joy—even if you weren't going to be alive when it came to pass?
 - b. How would/could this be modified by using the term “father” for this ruler?
5. When we consider that Jesus is our eternal ruler, it should draw out feelings of hope and joy; but sometimes we struggle to accept this. Why?
 - a. What do you think God wants us to understand about him in this scripture (Isa 9:6)?
 - b. It is strange to think about Jesus as a father, how does that shape your understanding of Him?
6. In what ways have you already begun to experience the care of an eternal father?