

Series: Family Matters
Sermon: Fathers
Speaker: Jerry Gillis

Daily Readings

Monday: Ephesians 6:1-8
Tuesday: Hebrews 12:5-9
Wednesday: Proverbs 22:1-16
Thursday: Proverbs 4:1-13
Friday: Colossians 3:18-24
Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about fathers and specifically, God as our Heavenly Father? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. What emotions or thoughts come to mind when you think of God as your Heavenly Father?
4. Share an example of a time when you experienced or witnessed a father's love that reflected God's love.
5. How can fathers (or parental figures) balance the demands of work, personal interests, and family time to be more present?
6. Reflect on Hebrews 12:5-9. What does it mean to be an intentional father? How can fathers "play offense", not just "defense" in their parenting?
7. What are some practical ways fathers can avoid exasperating their children while still providing discipline and guidance?
 - o Share strategies or practices that have worked in your family or that you've seen in other families.
8. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step

Spend time in prayer for the family of believers and their role in God's kingdom each day this week. Commit to praying for yourself, your family members, and those in your church and community. Consider this prayer schedule and these prompts:

Monday: Mothers - *for mothers to trust God with her children, and to trust God to redeem the time.*

Tuesday: Father - *for fathers to be loving, present, and intentional.*

Wednesday: Singles & Friends - *for those that are single to embrace this season of undivided and undistracted devotion to Jesus.*

Thursday: Children - *for children to honor their parents*

Friday: Wives - *for wives to submit to the Lord and their husbands*

Saturday: Husbands - *for husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church*