

# LIFEgroups



## Open

Go around and let everyone answer...

What is your fondest memory of your father or your father-figure?

Of all the ways God reveals himself (a few being: King, Shepherd, Lord, Father) which is the easiest to relate to? Which is the hardest?

## DIG

Read Galatians 3:26-4:7

According to the text, how is it that we, like Jesus, get to call God "Father"?

Read Luke 11:1-4

"Hallowed be your name."

What kind of things can we do to teach/train respect in our homes and society?

"Forgive us our sins."

What is God communicating to us, his children, by offering us forgiveness?

Parents, would your kids say they receive forgiveness from you when they fail you?

How might you offer forgiveness to them?

Have you been able to forgive your parents for the ways they have failed you?

How might you offer forgiveness to them?

"Lead us not into temptation."

God works diligently to create alternative paths from those of the evil one.

Do you notice the paths that he has created?

What are some alternative paths he has taken you down to keep you from evil?

Read Luke 11:11-13

What does God offer that goes well beyond what our earthly fathers can offer?

At some point we will have to come to grips with the insufficiency of our earthly fathers.

How can we do this and still honor our fathers?

## APPLY

If you had the chance to meet all 43% of kids in the US who are fatherless, what would you say to them? What would you do?

Do you know God as "Father?" If not, what is keeping you from knowing him this way?

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## Leader

### Lesson Series

This sermon is not connected to a series but is a stand-alone sermon for Father's Day. North Boulevard will return to the Romans Series: Salvation by Christ Alone when our preaching minister David Young returns from Israel.

### Big Idea

In Jesus' model prayer we gain great insights into how the Father/child relationship works and are invited, by Jesus, to call God "Father." To know God as Father is to capture the heart of the New Covenant offered to us in Jesus Christ.

### Prayer

Pray for deeper intimacy with God our Father.

### Use of Discussion Guide

THIS GUIDE WILL LIKELY PROVIDE MORE QUESTIONS THAN YOUR GROUP NEEDS. AHHEAD OF TIME, STAR THE QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK.

This guide might require that a few members receive extra care and attention. Be open to offering healing where damage has been done. We encourage that the groups embrace the pain that others might feel as opposed to running from it or covering it up. This is not a therapy group, but for us to understand God as "Father" we will all need intimate care and attention from the people of God at times.