



MESSAGE GROUPS - FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 16

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

This Father's Day Message dives deeper into what it means to be mature in following Christ and what a man is called to be. As we grow in our relationship with God and gain His wisdom, we learn how to set our lives to walk with Him and His will. But this requires us to make trades in life - to choose worthwhile things over worthless things. What does it mean to grow in maturity as we follow Jesus' example?

ICEBREAKER:

Share a few traits that you think make a great father. What about these traits stands out to you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read aloud **1 Corinthians 3:1-4 (ESV)**.

- **Q:** *Why do you think these followers of Christ would be "not yet ready" for solid food?*

Part of maturing is setting our sights on the worth**while** things that are wise in God's eyes versus the worth**less** things that the world makes a priority.

- **Q:** *How can you tell the difference in climbing uphill to the worthwhile things in life or coasting downhill to the worthless things?*
- **Q:** *What are influences that we let form our moral and ethical life besides God? What would you say is the biggest influence on the way you approach life (either positive or negative)?*

Often, in order to mature into the people God wants us to be and to experience the best of God's blessing in our lives, we have to choose to give up the things in our life that are holding us back.

- **Q:** *PK often says "Your private life will undo you - you are only as sick as your secrets." Do you believe this is true - why or why not? What are ways we can avoid living in secret and be people of character?*

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Leaders - close in a time of prayer around the questions below and give those in your group space for personal reflection or sharing with the group as they feel led.

- **Q:** *Where is God asking for deeper obedience in your private life? Where are you chasing worthless things of the world that are holding you back from the best that God has for you?*

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