

CONVERSATION GUIDE

LET'S TALK ABOUT GOD AS FATHER

HERE'S THE BIG IDEA

John 1 tells us we are children of God who were born from God. It can be difficult to imagine God as a father figure, but Scripture reminds us that our relationship with God is a father-child relationship. Just as he loves, helps, and is faithful to us; we are to love, depend on, and trust Him.

CONVERSATION TIP | PREPARATION

Making intentional time every week to prepare can be difference maker for each group session. Preparation is more than reading over your notes, it is a process to posture yourself to humbly lead the people God has entrusted to you. So before you go into your next group session, make intentional time to pray as you spend time preparing to have meaningful conversations.

LET'S TALK

BREAK THE ICE

Q: Where do you feel like you belong? Why?

Q: How have you experienced God as a loving Father? If you haven't, why do you think that is?

TELL ME THE TRUTH | EPHESIANS 3:20-21

John 1:12-13, "(12) But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, (13) who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God."

When we accept God into our lives, we welcome Him as a trustworthy and faithful Father who we are to look up to with a child-like dependence and love.

Q: What does dependence on God look like in your life?

Q: What does it mean to have a child-like love for God? How have you seen it expressed?

Q: Has God shown you His steadfast love? How?

GO DEEPER (OPTIONAL)

Q: Where can you begin to surrender to God? Where do you feel lost and in need of God's help?

DO SOMETHING

Throughout the week, look for ways to practically deepen your dependence and trust in God.

RESOURCES

"Where Do I Belong?" – 12Stone Church, Nov. 3, 2019

"In What Sense is God a Father?" – Blue Letter Bible

"Why We Call God 'Father'" – Christianity Today