

WE ENJOY THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD THE FATHER!

SMALL GROUP

WEEK 1 “God is Our Father” Oct. 16-22

WELCOME

- What is the best memory you have with your earthly father?

WATCH

- Crowder, Dante Bowe - God Really Loves Us ft. Maverick City Music | 4 min. 20 sec. | Located at cornerstonewat.com under ‘Study Guides’

READ & DISCUSS

- Read John 1:14-18 (Context: John begins his gospel with a cosmic introduction of Jesus as eternally one with God, coming to earth from the very presence of God, at the direction of God, and becoming human in order to reveal God. Within this context John first calls God Father.)
 - What has your overall view of God the Father been?
 - How do you think Jesus (God the Son) and God the Father are similar? How are they different?
 - How can knowing that Jesus reveals who God the Father is impact the way you view God the Father?
- Read John 5:16-30 (Context: Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath day who had been paralyzed for 38 years. Instead of celebrating the healing, the religious leaders are offended that it took place on the Sabbath. This really begins Jesus’ explicit revealing of his Father’s heart for relationship over rules in contrast to the leaders heart for rules over relationship.)
 - How does Jesus describe his relationship with his Father?
 - What surprises you about what Jesus says?
 - Are you more likely to prioritize rules or relationships?
- Read John 11:38-44 (Context: One of Jesus’ best friends has died while Jesus intentionally stayed away, setting up one of the greatest miracles of history. Jesus then begins to pray to His Father out loud in front of the crowd.)
 - What does Jesus say about His relationship with His Father?
 - How do you feel about your relationship with God the Father?

PRACTICE

- Pray Ephesians 3:14-19 each day this week over yourself and others God would put on your heart.