



WEEK 1: THE FATHER'S HEART OF GOD

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

This week's message introduced the Coming Home series with a focus on "The Need for a Father." Pastor emphasized that although God deeply loves us, many of us struggle to receive His love due to our past experiences—especially wounds from earthly fathers or authority figures. These relational injuries distort how we view God. However, Scripture paints a clear picture: God is a compassionate Father who leads, disciplines, and heals His children—not out of anger, but deep affection. We are invited to come home to the Father's heart and be "re-fathered" by Him—learning to trust, rest, and live in His love.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Matthew 7:7–11 (NLT)

Hosea 11:1–4 (NLT)

Ephesians 1:5–6 (NLT)

Romans 8:38–39 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

God as a Good Father

In **Matthew 7**, Jesus compares God's love to that of a good parent—one who gives good gifts and responds to needs with kindness.

- a. What does it mean that God is a Good Father? How does this picture of God challenge or comfort you?
- b. What does it mean to you that God wants to give you good things? How can this change how you pray or depend on Him?

2

How Wounds Shape Our View of God

Many of us project our pain from human relationships—especially with fathers—onto God. If we've experienced absence, control, anger, or rejection, it can become difficult to see God as nurturing and trustworthy.

- a. Can you identify an area where your past experience might be affecting how you relate to God?
- b. What would it look like to invite God to "re-father" you in that area?

3

God's Loving Discipline

The sermon explained that while human discipline can feel punitive, God's discipline flows from love and a desire to restore.

- a. How have you typically viewed hard seasons in your life—punishment or formation?
- b. What might it look like to trust God's guidance through hardship?

4

Adopted into God's Family

Ephesians tells us we've been adopted into God's family—not based on performance, but grace.

- a. How does this truth reshape your sense of belonging, identity, or security?
- b. What's one way you can embrace your identity as God's child this week?

5

Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love

Romans 8 reminds us that nothing—absolutely nothing—

can separate us from God's love.

- a.** What fears, lies, or wounds still try to tell you otherwise?
- b.** What would drawing near to God look like practically for you right now?

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Personal Reflection:

- How has your view of God been disoriented by past struggles?
- What step could you take to let God reshape that image?
- What does it look like to slow down and hear the Father's voice in your life right now?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

"Father, What Do You Want Me to Know?" Set aside 5–10 minutes each day to sit with this question before God.

- Invite Him to speak.
- Journal or simply be still.
- Don't force a response—just open your heart to connection.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

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