

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Our Father”- PREACHED ON JUNE 15 & 16, 2024

READ

Read Psalm 103 each day, perhaps in a different translation (A great resource for looking at various translations is www.biblegateway.com).

DISCUSS

How have you continued to think about our time in the Sermon on the Mount? Has anything else stood out to you as you wrapped up the last week of reading?

STUDY

This week we’re focusing on God as Father in celebration of Father’s Day. This topic can be hard and awkward or fun and enlightening, depending on your relationship with your own dad. Remember to make space for all reactions in your groups, and come alongside one another as you talk through these questions.

1. What is something from the sermon that you learned this week? Did you celebrate Father’s day on Sunday?
2. This weekend Jason taught that about the Lord’s compassion. He said that the Lord’s compassion is 1) aware of our weakness, 2) not going to let our weakness win, and God’s compassion has a “long fuse, a short memory, thick skin, and open arms.” Which of these descriptions stood out to you the most? Why?
3. How does the above quote help you better understand God’s love for you?
4. Psalm 103: 8-9 talks about God’s compassion. Read the verse together. Do you believe this to be true about God? How does this impact how you understand yourself in light of God’s love?

PRACTICE

This week, we invite you to think about God as Father and about the compassion that God has for us. As you read Psalm 103, make a list of the characteristics of God that are standing out. How do those impact your understanding of God’s character? Below are some reflection questions for you to answer.

- How do you get back on track when you mess up?
- Start where you are—trusting the patience and the mercy and the perspective of God. Are you able to trust the patience and mercy of God? Is that hard or easy, and what do you think makes it one or the other?
- Try your best and know there is grace—He remembers you are dust. Place a reminder of God’s grace somewhere where you’ll see it daily.