

# RELATIONSHIPS

## Sermon Discussion Guide

### *Part 4: Dads & Kids*

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#### **Let's Recap:**

We all have relationships in our lives, whether they are relationships we're born into or relationships we cultivate. Relationships are everything. They are the foundation of God's design for creation. This four-week series on relationships are designed to empower and inspire us to lead and live in healthier relationships with our friends, family and God. This week we look at Fathers and the huge difference they make in our lives and that, as a church, we need to get it right.

#### **Tune In:**

To prepare for our discussion, please read: Romans 8:15; John 3:16; Ephesians 6:4; Mark 1:19-20; Proverbs 13:12; Jeremiah 35:5-10, 18-19; Deuteronomy 6:6-7

#### **Go Deep:**

- We first recognize that God is our father in heaven. How has your view point of God been? Do you refer to Him as Abba (father) or have you struggled with that? Discuss how the specific character traits God has makes him an incredible father.
- What example did you have growing up from your father? If it was a good one, how have you followed his example? If it wasn't a good one, how can you course correct and be a better father to your children?
- After hearing about two different fathers in the bible, Zebedee & Jehonadab, which one do you relate with most? What are some steps you can take to be the father God has called you to be?
- God specifically instructs fathers to no provoke their children to anger, but to bring them up in the ways of the Lord. Expanding on the examples pastor Rob gave, how can you follow God's instruction in your own life? Reflect and determine if there is anything you need to repent for and apologize.

#### **Live Out:**

God is our perfect heavenly Father giving us an incredible example to follow. He provides, protects, encourages, comforts, leads, knows you, loves you and desires to build a relationship with you. First and foremost, follow Him, allowing Him to lead you to be the father He is calling you to be. Taking the practical steps that were shared in the message, lead your family and children to the cross. Lead not only with your words, but by your actions and example.



\*Practical examples to lead your children well shared in the message:

- Pray with your children, sharing your faith with them regularly
- Do devotions with your children, not just speaking your faith, but modeling it as well
- Catch them in a lie and use that opportunity to tell them how much truth really matters
- Teach them to know God's word
- Instill in them respect for others, especially mom
- Don't miss the big moments/events, no need to promise to attend 100%, but don't miss the big ones
- Give them moments & things to look forward to throughout their years

