

WEEK 2- ENCOUNTERING JESUS AND THE FATHER-HEART OF GOD

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Leader Notes: consider praying the Father's Blessing prayer (bottom of page) over your group members at the end of the discussion.

1) To start off the message, Ken shared a favorite memory of his father. What is your favorite memory of your earthy father and why?

2) From your perspective, what is it about a father's love, affirmation, and his belief in you that penetrates to your very core & tells you "you're OK."?

3) Describe your earthly father. What was he like? Also describe the kind of relationship you had with him.

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4) Read the story of the Prodigal from Luke 15.11-24
Reflecting on what you just read, and the Prodigal video you watched during the message, what thoughts and emotions are you experiencing? What impacts you the most?

5) Now read, Luke 15.25-32
In this portion of the story, we read of the older brother who could not celebrate with his father at the return of the younger brother who was lost. Why do you think the older brother could not embrace the love of his father? Discuss the impact on our / your relationship with your Heavenly Father if you are not in right relationship with those around you (earthly & Christian family).

6) A Father's Prayer of Blessing was prayed at the end of the service. What did or does that mean to you? What impact, if any, do you recall experiencing?
