

a sweet  
SUMMER  
AT WOODLAND HILLS

Fathers' Day  
20 June 2021

Ice Breaker:

What TV or movie father figure was your favorite and why?

Questions (1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

1. A business owner said an employee's work performance is highly correlated to the employee's relationship with his/her father. Have you observed this to be true?
2. Based on your relationship with your father, which of the following best matched/matches your view of God?

Distant God	Stained Glass God	ATM God
Grandpa God	OnStar God	Score Keeper God
3. "A father's words and actions are brushstrokes of a picture he's painting of his Heavenly Father." All earthly fathers are imperfect. How do we and/or our children overcome an imperfect or incorrect portrait of God?
4. "Our earthly fathers, whether affectionate and loving, unpredictable and violent, absent or even nonexistent, affect in almost an intrinsic way, how we perceive our Father in Heaven and his feelings towards us." - Katie James, Campus Crusade. How can forgiving an earthly father improve our understanding of and relationship with our Heavenly Father?
5. If you are a father, what are you doing well, what should you start doing, and what should you stop doing to better encourage, comfort and urge your children (young or adult) to live lives worthy of God (1 Thess 2:12)? If you are not a father, answer the same questions with regard to better encourage, comfort and urge those you influence to live lives worthy of God?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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