

Still Hope in His Name: Everlasting Father

Isaiah 9:6, John 1:9-13, Romans 8:14-17

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

Hey Dad?

Jesus is the door through which we come to know God as our Father.

II. Receive the Good News

1. John 1:9-13
2. Adoption is the heart of the Gospel

III. Understand Fatherhood through Jesus

1. Authority — John 4:34,5:19,12:49
2. Affection — John 3:35,5:20
3. Presence — John 16:32
4. Cherishing Respect — John 5:22-23
5. Any questions: John 1:18

IV. It's okay: Wrestle with God

1. What about motherhood?
2. Mark 14:35-36

V. Don't Worry — Pray "Abba, Father"

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. What is your favorite memory of your Father?
2. What are ways your dad helped you see the Fatherhood of God more clearly? What ways did your dad make it more difficult to relate to God as Father?

Reflecting on the Message Together

Read John 1:9-13 and Romans 8:14-17

1. What word or idea most stands out to you in John 1:9-13? Why?
2. How do these two passages help us feel the good news that we have been adopted into the family of God? What are some other reasons to feel joy that we have been chosen to be part of God's family?
3. Besides authority, affection, presence, and cherishing respect, what are other qualities we can affirm about our Heavenly Father because Jesus is his perfect representative in human flesh?
4. What are some questions or issues you might need to wrestle with God about?
5. What should we expect to happen when we wrestle with God?
6. Read Matthew 6:25-34. What do you think you need to do to let this teaching by Jesus shape the way you actually live?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?