# **THE FATHER'S LOVE** 18 MAY 2025



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

- 1 John 3:1 (NIV)



FELLOWSHIP GROUP MATERIAL

#### PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Ask God to help you understand His love more deeply.
- Pray for your father or father figure and thank God for his love!



## Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

What's something your father (or father figure) did that made you feel deeply loved?

### **Key Points**

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- God is our perfect Father, and He offers us His perfect love.
- As our Father, God gives us a new identity. As His children, our past doesn't define us—we now live to fulfill His purpose for us.
- As our Father, God sees and cares for us. He protects and provides for us. As His children, we can confidently approach Him for what we need, and even what we want.
- As our Father, God disciplines and corrects us when we are wrong. As His children, we can trust that all His correction is for our good and because He loves us.

**FELLOWSHIP GROUP MATERIAL** 

#### **Discuss Together** (pick at least one)

- How have you experienced God's love through your father? If you have children, how can you show God's love to them?
- What identities did you believe and accept about yourself before knowing Christ? How did that change when you met Him?
- Can you confidently approach God with your needs and wants? Why or why not?
- What is one way God disciplined you? What lesson did you learn from it?

#### PROCLAIM

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

## **Key Truth**

In Christ, I have a loving Father who gives me a new identity, protects me, and lovingly corrects me.

### **Pray Together** (pick at least one)

- Thank God for the people who reflect His love in your life. Pray to fully embrace your new identity as His child who can confidently approach Him anytime.
- Ask God for grace to show His love to your children and those around you.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

- Romans 8:17 (NIV)