

Renewal – Father’s Day Edition

June 20, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)

PILLARS OF A MAN’S HEART

- SERVANT KING
- TENDER WARRIOR
- WISE MENTOR
- FAITHFUL FRIEND

RENEWED TO BUILD AN ARK

RENEWAL OF...

- REVERENCE AND PURPOSE
- IDENTITY AND CALLING
- HOPE FOR RESTORATION

Questions:

1. Reflect on a good value that your father instilled in you when you were growing up (if your father was not in your life, then think about someone who helped to fill that role for you). Share stories with your group.
2. There are a number of metaphors in the Bible that are used to describe God and our relationship with Him (e.g., Shepherd, King, Husband, etc.). What do you think we are meant to understand by the idea that God is our Father?
3. The first Sunday message was given by Bob Vibe (Denise Ford’s father). He spoke about four pillars of a man’s heart (seen above). What did you think of these pillars? How much do you think men are encouraged in society to have these traits? How can men grow in them?
4. The second message was given by Clay Ford (Billy Ford’s father). His main Biblical text was Hebrews 11:7 – “By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family.” Review his points in the outline above. What do you remember from his message? What stood out to you?
5. Our perspective of our Heavenly Father can be distorted by our life experiences, sin, and deception from the enemy. Read John 14:8-10, Hebrews 1:3, and John 1:18. According to these verses, how can we discover truth about the Father?
6. Read John 14:18-21
 - a) What does Jesus promise his disciples?
 - b) How is Jesus’ relationship with the Father connected to our relationship with the Father? (also see John 14:6)
 - c) According to Jesus, how can we experience the Father’s love? (also see John 14:23)
7. What steps can you take this week to get to know your Heavenly Father better?
8. Pray together for a deeper understanding of your Heavenly Father and His love for you. Pray for a growing relationship with Him. And pray for any other needs in your group.