Father's Day A Father to Fathers June 21st, 2020

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict
		Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

Describe the best, worst or funniest Father's Day gift you have ever given or received.

INTRODUCTION

Happy Father's Day! This week we celebrate all the men that have had an impact in our lives. Pastor Paul, Pastor Mickey, and Pastor Rondale shared our message on this Father's Day. The focus of our Father's Day message was the concept that every father needs a father. In fact, this week's study is *A Father to Fathers*.

We won't focus on a particular biblical narrative but process together what these three men shared.

DISCUSSION:

- What has/was your relationship like with your earthly father? If you didn't have a relationship with your biological father, who has invested and impacted your life?
- Pastor Mickey shared about being chosen, when have you experienced the power of being chosen?
- Many in our world have also experienced the pain of not being chosen. If you are willing, share a time that you have experienced that pain.
- Pastor Rondale shared about the need to have compassion and "suffer with" your children, or others. If you are a parent when have you "suffered with" your children? Have you ever had someone else suffer with" you? If so, what impact did that have on you?
- Pastor Paul discussed the need for daily connection with God. What does that look like for you?
- If you don't have that consistent connection with God, what steps can you take to draw near to him this week?
- **CLOSING PRAYER**-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.

*Be sure someone is selected to tell next week's story...Luke 15:11-24