

Use the following growth group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. What is one of your favorite memories of your father?
2. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you?

TALK IT OUT:

3. Jesus says that we can approach our loving Father directly with our concerns, needs, challenges etc...how can we put that into practice in our lives?
4. What advice, solutions, gifts, etc...does the world offer and how does it compare to what God has to offer?
5. How can we know that our Heavenly Father hears us? What can hinder our communication with God?
6. What does it mean to overcome?
7. Jesus says that we will have trials, yet we can have peace. How do we see this in our lives? How does Jesus overcoming the world give peace in the midst of trials?
8. What does it look like to go through trials with Jesus instead of expecting Him to get us out of them?

WORK IT OUT:

9. What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion? What do you need to do with that truth this week?
10. How can your growth group pray for you this week?

THE PRESENCE OF THE FATHER

11/12 in the series Just Between Us
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In the midst of his final words to his disciples, Jesus keeps his relationship with the Father as a central element. Through all the worries and burdens of life, Jesus redirects the attention to the Heavenly Father who cares more about his children than we will ever know. -*John 16:25-33*

1. **The Father loves us** - (*1 John 3:1*). *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. —NIV*
2. **The Father hears us** - (*Matthew 7:11*). *If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! —NIV*
3. **The Father is with us** - (*1 John 4:4*). *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. —NIV*

Take Away

Demonstrate your reliance on the Father by telling someone, who doesn't know God, one thing that you are currently asking God to help you with.

NEXT WEEK 12/12 • JUST BETWEEN US