

Introduction: What is your biggest fear this Christmas?

God came to the earth to save you from your sin and to deliver you from your fears.

Four things a good father does:

1. A good father _____ for his family.
2. A good father _____ his family.
3. A good father _____ his family.
4. A good father _____ and takes care of the hurts and needs in the process.

¹Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him." ⁸Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. ¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

John 14:1-11

Jesus came to explain the Father

John 1:18

The core issue = we have a faulty view of God.

Your view of God impacts:

- How you think
- Your relationships with others
- How you see yourself

What the Father is really like

- A call to remember: God is good, kind, and loving. Psalm 103:1-5

- God made His ways known to Moses and the Israelites. Psalm 103:7

- God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 103:8

- God desires to forgive and He cares. Psalm 103:9-10

- God loves like no one else. Psalm 103:11-12

- God is approachable. Psalm 103:13-14

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your greatest fear this Christmas season or in this season of your life?
2. How would you describe your relationship with your earthly father in your formative years? How has that influenced your view of your Heavenly Father?
3. What major misconceptions about God did first century Jews have? Which ones do you identify with?
4. According to John 1:14-18, what did Jesus reveal about God? Compare this with John 14:8-11. What new insights did you gain about the Fatherhood of God from this message?
5. How did Jesus address the fears and misconceptions of the disciples when they faced uncertainty, danger, and death?
6. How can you “not let your heart be troubled (fearful)” this Christmas, according to Jesus (John 14:1-3)?