



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Stand Firm & Act Like Men: Be A Godly Dad
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2025 Fall trimester: August 18 – December 8.

2026 - Spring trimester: 1/5 - 5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1 - 7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17 - 12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Advent Devotional 2025: Join us for a five-week devotional, beginning December 1. Advent is more than counting down to Christmas—it's an opportunity for families to remember, celebrate and respond to the good news of Jesus. [Click here to get the devotionals.](#)

Christmas Eve at Eleven22: Experience the joy of Christmas through [these resources](#) designed to help you grow in faith, connect with others, and share the good news of Jesus this season. [Click here to see all the Christmas Eve service times.](#)

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: "1. Every morning this week read 1 Cor 13:1-13 inserting God for "Love." Meditate on receiving God's love and ask the Holy Spirit to use you as a conduit to share His love with your spouse/loved ones and others. 2. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal any areas of unforgiveness, bitterness or old wounds in your marriage or close relationship. Pray with each other for healing, repent and forgive." How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Sermon Text: Exodus 19:4; Lev. 24:16; Matthew 5:1-11; 6:9; 28:18; 43-48; 7:21-23; Luke 2:41-52; 6:35-36; 11:2; 23:34; 46; John 2:16; 5:18; 10:17-18; 30; 12:49-50; 14:2; 6; 16:15; 17:2; 20:17; Romans 8:14-15; Ephesians 1:4-5; 2:18; Galatians 4:6; 1 John 3:1-3

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. But there's no need to answer every question. The goal is to get your group members talking more than you.

- **Read Romans 8:14-15. What stood out to you in this series, this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Discover:** Jesus called God, "Abba" repeatedly in the Bible - more than 165 times in the gospels. Discuss the difference between knowing God as "Father" and knowing Him intimately as "Abba." (*When someone says Abba, they're not only describing a what but they're speaking intimately to a who. In Jesus' darkest moments, when He's sweating blood in the garden, it's the word He uses. Etched into the word is identity, security, purpose, and ownership.*)
Deepen: How have you personally experienced (or struggled with) that intimacy?
- **Read Matthew 6:9; Luke 6:35-36; 11:2; 12:32; 23:34; 46; John 2:16; 10:30; 12:28; 16:15; 20:17. Discuss how these verses show the relationship between Jesus and God and how that models the relationship God wants with us.** (*The intimacy and love the Father has for us leads us to joyful obedience.*)
- **Discover:** What do you think of when you think of your father? (*None of us have a perfect earthly father. That taints the way we see our perfect heavenly father. The enemy will use anything to keep you from experiencing the love of God. We fight that with prayer and people.*)
Deepen: What do you think of when you think of God as your heavenly father? (*Your Abba, Father wants to get at your image of Him. He wants unfettered access to the place in your heart where you hold Him. He is jealous to correct how you think about and know Him. He wants to reveal Himself to you as He is. And He wants to shatter the image the enemy has painted or tainted.*)
- **What lies about God has the enemy used in your life to paint a false picture of Abba, Father? What Scripture can you cling to that speaks truth against that distortion?** (*Some examples include: John 14, John 17, Romans 8, Galatians 4. God wants you to know Him as intimately as Jesus does.*)
- **Read Romans 8:14-15 and Galatians 4:6. What emotions, ideas and/or actions come to mind when you hear God has adopted you and you are a co-heir with Christ?**
- **Read John 17. What does this tell us about WHY Jesus gave everything for you?** (*We tend to focus on the WHAT and not the WHY. Yes, Jesus came to save sinners, to satisfy the wrath of God, to destroy the works of the devil and to die your death. But why? To return us to the Father. So that you might know the love of the Father.*)
How does this expand or shift your understanding of salvation and how does it impact your daily relationship with God?

Action Step: 1. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you see God as your Abba. Then pray to Him as "Abba" every day this week. For example, "Abba, help me know You as You really are." Focus on intimacy with God and seeing Him the way Jesus revealed Him to us in the scriptures.

2. If there is anything your earthly father did that you're grateful for, call him and thank him this week.

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