

Message Notes

What Happy Fathers Know Part 1: Nothing

Ephesians 6:1-4

→ they got that from their mother; I gave them a last name

**#1 Fathers are handed _____
the moment their child is delivered.**

→ big calling - **Ephesians 5:21-33**

#2 _____ is the _____ that fathers crave.

→ this is right - **vs. 1-3**

→ training and instruction - **vs. 4**

**#3 What's it like to be _____ by me?
What's it like to _____ me?**

→ God's example - **Ephesians 5:1-2**

#4 Happy fathers know they are _____.

Group Questions

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1. If you **are not** a father, what do you think the ideal father's day looks like?

If you **are** a father, what does the ideal Father's Day *actually* look like?
2. How does our current culture define the role of fatherhood? Is it different than the definition God attaches to it?
3. Both husband and wife play important roles in raising a child. How does a father's influence over a child differ from a mother's influence over a child?
4. **Read Ephesians 6:1-3.** Obeying parents who follow Jesus is a guaranteed way to have a better and longer life. What are some things that can make it difficult to obey?
5. **Read Ephesians 6:4.** "Training" means to discipline a child away from unhealthy or dangerous paths, and "instruction" means to embed wisdom that will help a child navigate choices in the future. How does a parent train and instruct a child "in the Lord"?
6. Read the questions in #3 on the other side of this sheet. What do you *hope* the answers would be, and how different is that from reality?
7. Look at #4 on the other side of this sheet. If you aren't a dad or mom, reframe it within the context of the most pertinent relationship you have. What would change if you started viewing your relationships accordingly?