

Growth Group Discussion Guide

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Many equate a “good father” as a father who always provides financially. But, what value can we place on a father’s relationship with his children? What is the role of a father to you? Describe your relationship with your father. The Scripture, describes Jesus as the “Everlasting Father”. What does “Everlasting Father” mean to you?

Our Everlasting Father’s Gift of Love – Read 1 John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Christ sacrificed His life for us so that we could experience and understand true love. Name something you sacrificed to help a brother or sister in need? How did it make you feel? Have you ever been able to help someone but didn’t? If so, why? **John 3** tells us if we turn our back on our brothers and sisters in need we have made God’s love disappear. Now that you have read this Scripture, does it change your approach to helping those in need? Why does God give us a detailed description of love? Why is love so important?

Our Everlasting Father’s Gift of Protection – Read John 16:33, John 17:12-15.

Why is it important for us to understand that Jesus has overcome the world? Have you ever been in a situation where you knew there was no way out and Jesus stepped in to protect you? In John 17 Jesus asked God not to remove them from the world but protect us from Satan. What is your biggest fear in life? After reading John 17 how will you approach your fear knowing Jesus has already asked God for protection?

Our Everlasting Father’s Gift of Salvation – Read John 14:6, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Romans 6:23.

What is the greatest gift that our Everlasting Father has ever given to us? God put our sins on Christ who was sinless. Why was this necessary? Do you remember how you felt when you gave your life to Christ? What was it that made you ask the question “What must I do to be saved?” How does your life show Christ to others so that they are asking the question “What must I do to be saved?” Remember Christ gave His life so that we could bring others to Him and live life eternally with our Everlasting Father in glory. His Salvation is the Greatest Gift of all.

Apply It! Take time to read and meditate on the scriptures provided above to grow in your commitment to spending more quality time with our Father God – for He loves and cares for you.

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