

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to [southeastchristian.org](http://southeastchristian.org) to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Our earthly fathers can disappoint and even damage us. Only God is the ultimate Father who never lets us down and who shows us fathers as they ought to be.

Television and movies are filled with fathers and father figures. Who is your favorite pop culture father? What is it about this portrayal of fatherhood that you find so interesting/attractive?

What words come to mind when you think of your earthly father? What were some of his defining qualities/characteristics? In what ways have these things impacted your view of your Heavenly Father? How does God compare/contrast with your human father?

When God says He is our Father, He is identifying Himself as the ideal Father. If you had to list the top five characteristics of the ideal father, which qualities would you choose? How does God perfectly fulfill all of these attributes?

Read Romans 8:14-17 and Galatians 4:4-6. What do these passages teach about our relationship to God? According to these passages, how does knowing God as our Father change the ways we think/act? How have you seen these changes in your own life?

Kyle talked about how an incorrect idea of God as our Father can lead us to either rebellion or exhaustion. We can either run from what we think He demands or burn ourselves out chasing it. Which of these reactions most resonates with you? Which do you struggle with the most? How can we protect our hearts and minds against misconceptions of who our Father really is?

Read Ephesians 1:4-6. The NLT says that God adopted us because it was "what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure" (v. 5). How does it make you feel to know that God delights in being our Father? How should this change the way we view ourselves? The way we view other believers?