

QUESTION 1: WHO IS HE?

Introduction

We all have a picture of who we think God is. These pictures and beliefs have been shaped by things we have learned and experienced along the way. But what if you have been given an inaccurate picture of who God really is?

Discussion Questions

- 1. Do you have any friends whom after your first impression, you didn't think you would like? What changed?
- 2. What you think about someone affects how you feel about them. Which of these best describes your current view of God or how you have viewed him in the past?
 - The referee god: you'll never get it right.
 - The Alexa god: when you need answers, he's there to help.
 - The grandpa god: he's nice, but not really relevant or connected.
 - The cloud god: he is distant and not really knowable.
 - The fairytale god: he is too good to be true.
 - A good father: he's the father you've always dreamed of.
- 3. In Galatians 4:6, the apostle Paul refers to God as "Abba" or "Daddy." Is it difficult for you to call God Daddy? If so, why?
- 4. When we see God as a good father, we realize these three things are true:
 - He loves us.
 - He is with us.
 - He is for us.

Which of these is hardest for you to embrace? Is there something specific that is preventing you?

5. What can you do this week to change your way of thinking about God?

Moving Forward

If nothing came to mind for the last question, just know that you can change how you currently experience God by thinking about him differently. This week, pay attention to the times your thoughts do not align with the three ways God is a good father. Consider how replacing the opposing thoughts with the ideas that he loves you, is with you, and is always for you would affect the way you think about him.