

## **Life Group Notes – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Father's Day**

Share your experiences of fathering and being fathered.

- What does the word ‘father’ mean to you?
- What difficulties might people have in exploring Gods teaching for fathers?
- How does this teaching apply to non-traditional family units?
- Do you think this teaching still applies once the children are grown up?

Read Ephesians 6:1-4

- What part do you think fathers should play in encouraging children to obey and honour their parents?
- How do you think fathers may exasperate their children?
- Who has responsibility for training children in the way of the Lord? Fathers? Mothers? The church?
- What part could you play in training children in the way of the Lord?

Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9

- How can fathers make talking about Gods teachings part of their everyday interaction with their children?
- How does the way that fathers act influence the effectiveness of their teaching?

Read Colossians 3:18-21

- Do you think if a husband loves his wife then it makes him a better father?
- What do you think the benefits might be of fathering as part of a parenting team alongside the children’s mother?

### **PRAY:**

For those who have the role of father, that God will provide all they need to father in accordance with His teaching.

For those who find the concept of ‘father’ difficult for whatever reason, that God will be their comfort and provide the healing they need.

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