

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6**

Before you begin:

Share a happy memory with your father or father figure in your life.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read Romans 8:14-17
- 2. How have your parents' name, reputation and influence affected you positively and negatively.
- 3. Do you have people that you refer to as "uncle" or "aunt" or "MeMaw" even though you aren't related? Share about those people.
- 4. Here Paul says that we aren't just "called" sons and daughters, but we ARE sons and daughters. How has your adoption into the family of God affected you positively? Negatively?
- 5. In what ways have you projected the image of your earthly father onto your heavenly father?
- 6. If so, has that hindered your relationship with Jesus in any way?
- 7. How is your everlasting father different from your heavenly father?
- 8. How does seeing God more clearly affect your relationship with Him?

Action Steps:

1. In what ways did you feel a need to protect the name of your earthly father? In what ways do you think you have tarnished or hurt the name of your heavenly father? What steps do you need to take, or attitudes or actions you need to adjust in order to reflect the name of your heavenly father well?