

**FAMILY VALUES:** We are...

1 John 4:7-10, Psalm 139, Ephesians 1:5, Romans 8:14-16, Galatians 4:6, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Colossians 1:15-17, John 1:1-4

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**FAMILY DUTIES:** We have to...

1 John 4:11-16

- Understand how \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 John 3:1, John 1:12, Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 3:14-19, Romans 5:8
- Love those who the \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 John 2:3-6, 4:20-21, John 13:35, 15:12, Matthew 5:23-24

**FAMILY BENEFITS:** We get to...

1 John 4:17-21

- Have confidence in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Romans 8:17, 1 John 3:28, Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 10:15-25
- Come to the father \_\_\_\_\_.  
Romans 8:15, Ephesians 3:12, Genesis 3:8, 1 Peter 2:17, Hebrews 4:16

**Food for thought**

Welcome to spring session of Life Group's. Use the following questions to continue the conversation, have a great meeting.

**MY STORY**

Can you remember one of the first times you recognized that God loves you unconditionally?

When it comes to *Family Duties*, as mentioned in this week's teaching, which do you think comes easier for you: understanding how the father sees you or loving those who the father has adopted?

**Digging Deeper**

1. This week we heard that one of the benefits of being in God's family is that we need not fear God's coming judgment because of His love for us. Yet, as you look through Scripture you can see also that the "fear of God" is an essential piece to a healthy relationship with Him. What do the following verses reveal about the fear of God and the role it has in our lives?

Exodus 20:18-20

Psalm 111:10

Proverbs 8:13

How would you explain what it means to have a healthy fear of God to a co-worker or a friend?

2. Balancing a healthy fear of God while still being confident to come before Him can be a bit difficult to understand and know how to put into practice. Looking at how another person handles it often helps. As you read David's prayer in Psalm 86, jot down how he describes God and what he requests of God.

Description of God

Requests of God

How might David's perspective and response to God in this Psalm help balance a healthy fear of God and the confidence to come before Him?

3. Satan would love to keep us from having the confidence of moving toward God. How does Romans 5:1-5 help us remain confident and experience God's love?

## Are you in a real authentic relationship with Christ?

### Questions we have covered:

Basic Morality: Am I walking in the *light* I have? *1 John 1:6-7*

Humility: Will I admit that I'm a *sinner*? *1 John 1:8-10*

Sin: Am I making progress or *excuses*? *1 John 3:6-10*

Obedience: Am I obeying His *commands*? *1 John 2:3-5*

Love: Am I forgiving those who *wrong me*? *1 John 2:9-11*

Priorities: Am I primarily pursuing *eternal* or *earthly* rewards?  
*1 John 2:15-17*

### PRAYER TIPS:

Use these prayer tips to talk it over with God:

- God I confess that I am changed. By the power of your spirit I am strong and confident and can face any trial or problem with your help.
- Father I thank you for your love. Thank you for loving me so extravagantly even when I did not know you.
- Today I will cooperate with the Holy Spirit at work in my life. I desire to see true change in my life. I will be kind and compassionate to people who do not understand or welcome the change that has taken place in my life.