

The trouble with labels: Father means _____.

God reveals Himself as Father: Experiencing Relationship.

Characteristics revealed in God the Father

He is Present. Genesis 3:8-9; Isaiah 41:10; Zephaniah 3:17, Leviticus 26:11-12

He is Creator. Isaiah 40:28; 2 Corinthians 5:17

He is Powerful. Psalm 115:3; Job 28, 29

He is (holy) Righteous. Isaiah 6:3

He is Unchanging. Malachi 3:6

He is Good. Psalm 25:8-9

He Knows. Psalm 139:1

He is Forgiving. Psalm 103:1-5

He is Patient. Psalm 86:15

He is Love. 1 John 4:8

He is Father. Matthew 5:45-48, 6:1-15

Turn a message into a conversation. Join a friend or your family and use the following thoughts and questions to continue the conversation from Sunday's message.

Read Isaiah 6. The description of a holy God is overwhelming. This same God reaches out to you in his rightness. Ready to clean and make your life whole. Not as a doctor curing someone, but as a loving father restoring a child.

Read Job 28, 29. God gives a list of what he does.

How does this help you know/understand him more?

What is the risk in our life to have a wrong understanding of God the Father's great power?

Read Psalm 139. See the level of intimacy God reviews in how well he knows you.

How does that impact your faith?

How can understanding how well he knows you help you know him better?

Read Isaiah 40:28, 2 Corinthians 5:17.

God created all things (that includes you). He is also able to create a new you. Have you invited God the Father through the sacrifice of God the Son to make you new in Christ and give you the gift of God the Holy Spirit?

Simply Pray:

Father I know that you love me and have created me. I know you are a forgiving God and sent your son Jesus as a sacrifice for my sins. I confess to you the wrong I have done _____. I accept the forgiveness I receive through Jesus Christ. Right now I am made new and the Holy Spirit empowers me to know you more and follow you as you lead me. Fill me with your peace and joy. Amen

Best Year Ever Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I pray that you would work in me that I might reflect you more.
I pray that you work for me that I may be blessed by you.
I pray that you work through me that I may be an instrument of your love and grace.
I give you permission to work in me, for me and through me according to your purpose
Amen