

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Your Life Matters: Power of a Father's Words

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In celebrating Father's Day, Mike paid special attention to the impact a father can have in the trajectory of a child's life. After relaying several personal stories, including the power of words from his own father, Mike looked at the significance of God the Father blessing God the Son. "You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Is there is some memory of your father that you cherish? What is it and why is it special to you?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Jesus spent 30 years growing up in Nazareth where he lived and served as a local carpenter. As he ventured out to see John at the river, do you think he knew his public ministry was about to start? What fear, concern, excitement, discomfort, or resolve do you suppose Jesus was experiencing?

Why do you think God chose to speak audibly giving the message he did during the baptism of Jesus?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

How is God a "perfect Father?" Try to list 10, 20 or more ways as a group. Reflect on the list and share one of the ways God is perfect that means a lot to you.



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Is there a wound in your life or unfulfilled area that could be helped by "being still" (Psalm 46:10) and allowing God to love you in your wounded-ness?

Is there a person to whom you could show "Fatherly" love? How are they a part of your life and what words might mean the most if they heard and embraced them?

ON YOUR OWN



PRACTICING

Write a note to encourage a child or a father (best if it's your own) and show love to them. In some cases, this may need to be a letter asking for or offering forgiveness. In other cases, it may be a letter that can no longer be sent – but writing it can still be helpful.



PRAYING

Father the words you offered Jesus are powerful – MY SON, LOVE, WELL-PLEASSED. I thank you that we also get to be adopted and called "your children." Please fill in for me all that is lacking from my own father and help me to live as a blessing to the "children" in my life who I can love.



MEMORIZING

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

(1 John 3:1)