

GROUP NOTES

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GOOD GOOD FATHER

THE PERFECT FATHER & SON RELATIONSHIP.

WELCOME

- What has been positive about the past week? Any good news? What are you thankful for? Have you got a testimony of what God has done?

WORD

We can learn a lot by studying the relationship between the Father and the Son, and the attitude of the Son towards the Father:

1. They have a good RELATIONSHIP.

Mark 1:35

“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he (Jesus) departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.”

- Jesus often spent time alone having quality time with the Father.
- How’s your relationship with the Father? Are you spending quality time alone with the Father? Do you need help / guidance on how to have a quiet time?

2. They LOVE one another.

John 5:20

For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.

John 14:31

“I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.”

- The ultimate loving relationship is between the Father and the Son.
- God loves you. How do you think God shows His love for us?
- Can you truly say that you love God? If yes, how does your life reflect that?

3. Jesus DEPENDED on the Father.

Joh 5:19

“Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”

- Jesus depended wholly on the Father for strength, wisdom, instruction and example.
- Have you ever followed your own head and it ended up in a mess?
- In which area of your life are you truly depending on God? Which areas of your life still need to be “handed over” to His Lordship?

4. The Son REPRESENTS the Father.

John 14:8-10

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

- Jesus was confident of this: If you’ve seen Me you’ve seen the Father!
- Have you ever been a “bad” representative of God in a situation? Tell us about it...
- Have you ever been a “good” representative of God in a situation? How did it influence or change that situation?

5. The Son OBEYS the Father.

Joh 4:34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”

Matt 26:39 “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

- Jesus submitted 100% to the will of the Father – even in severe trial.
- Do you find it easy or difficult to be obedient to God? Why?
- What does your obedience say about our love for God?

➤ PRAYER TIME: Pray for each other, friends, family and the unsaved.