



## Knowing God as Father

**Icebreaker:** If you garden, what are you most excited to harvest?

**Read Together:** John 14:9 (ESV), Isaiah 40:10-11 (ESV), Psalm 68:5-6 (ESV), Luke 12:32 (ESV),

**Discuss:**

- What was God speaking to you as Mark spoke this week?
- What is the Father like?
- What is your reaction to the statement, “The Father wants to be known by you.”?
- Do you realize that you have a benevolent Father? What keeps you from accepting that fact?

**Read Together:** Galatians 4:4-7 (ESV), 2 Corinthians 6:16b, 18 (ESV), Ephesians 2:18-19 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- What is your perception of being a child of God?
- In what ways do you live like a slave?
- How do you show the world around you what it is like to live as a member of God’s family?

**Read Together:** John 15:1-2 (ESV), Matthew 20:25-28 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- What does Discipline look like in your imagination?
- How do Vinedressers get more fruit from their vines?
- What is the difference between religion and relationship?
- What do you think it means to speak the word over your life and the lives of people around you?
- Who do you plan to tell about what you learned this week regarding the Father heart of God?

**Pray:**

God, sometimes being accepted by you is hard to believe. Walking as a child of God when I know I used to be a slave to sin is hard to comprehend. Please show me more of how you see me. Help me to speak the truth you have declared over myself, my friends, my family, and the people who still need to know you. Give me words to communicate your truths and faith to believe them for myself. In the name of Jesus, Amen.