

## Home Group Study Questions

Message: “Interceding For Our Families” 6th September, 2015



### Getting Started:

1. Did your family celebrate Father’s Day this year? In what way?
2. What images/response do you have to the term “father”?



### Into the Bible:

**Read Job 1:1-5**

3. How is Job portrayed in the opening verses of the book that bears his name? (vss. 1-3)
4. From vss 4, 5, comment on
  - a. Job’s qualities as a father
  - b. His role as an intercessor/mediator between God and his children

**Read Psalm 1**

5. Vss 1-3 describe the man (or person) who is “blessed”. While this psalm does not refer specifically to fathers, noting vs. 3 particularly, consider the influence such a man may have in his family.

6. Psalm 1 is a psalm of contrasts. How are the wicked described? (4, 5)
7. The contrast is quite black and white! Why do you think things sometimes appear to be more “grey” these days?

**Read Ephesians 6:4**

8. As fathers, what kind of things do we sometimes do that may “exasperate” our children?
9. Paul offers us an alternative! Practically speaking, how do we “bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord”?



### Digging Deeper:

10. In an Old Testament setting, Job sacrificed burn offerings for each of his children. What twenty-first century equivalent is available to fathers in our time?
11. How important is the father’s role as intercessor for his family?
12. How may we better pray for our children?