



The Cause

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“The Heart of a Leader: The Fatherly Heart”

Gabbing about Life (Icebreaker)

What was the most important lesson you learned from your mom or dad?

Reading from the Book of Life (the Bible)

1 Corinthians 4:14-16

Grappling with Life’s Issues (Questions)

Spend a few minutes discussing the passage. What issues are presented? What stands out? What surprises you?

This passages (1 Cor 4:14-16) is a primer for a more in depth look on what it means to have a Father’s Heart, especially in regards to leadership. Instructors impart information, but fathers impart life! We should all strive to impart life and generally this is done through character.

Jesus stated the if you have seen him, you have seen the Father (John 14:9), and Jesus perfectly exhibited the following fatherly characteristics (Have one person read each passage and spend a few minutes discussing each. Don’t rush through any of the points if the discussion is going well. Remember, this teaching is a tool to use to facilitate discussion; don’t let it restrict you.):

- Compassion – Matthew 9:35-36)
- Concern – Matthew 9:11-13)
- Willingness (to do the right thing) – Matthew 8:1-3
- Humility – Philippians 2:5-10
- Forgiveness – Luke 15:11-32
- Self-sacrifice – John 10:15
- Service – John 13:1-7

Are there any other passages that reflect a father’s heart? What other characteristics have you noticed in those who are spiritual fathers? Hearing all of these characteristics may be a bit overwhelming. Don’t be overwhelmed by them – pick out one that you are going to focus on improving for the next two weeks.

Final Thought: The opening passage stated, “you do not have many fathers [in the faith]...” We need fathers in the faith to impart life to the next generation. What do you need to do or what character traits do you need to develop to become a father in the faith? Start developing one of them at a time.

Praying through Life’s Challenges

Pray that God works inside of you to develop you into a father in the faith.

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“For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world...”

John 18:37 (NKJV)