



**You Know You've Been Wondering**  
**Week 5 Group Discussion Notes**  
**God is Father**

**Leading Off:**

Who is your all-time favorite TV dad? Which TV dad best represents your dad?

**Scripture:**

*This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."* **Matthew 6:9-13**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. In the story of the prodigal son, whom do you most identify with? (Father, Son or Elder Brother) ...
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself in the "patience" category?
3. **God is a patient father.** In what ways has God shown patience with you? With someone you know?

**2 Peter 3:9** tells us that, "*God is patient with [us], not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*"

4. How does the verse above illustrate the heart of God toward you? Toward others?

**Ephesians 1:7-8** tells us that, "*In [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sin.*"

5. Have you ever stopped to consider the cost of your forgiveness and salvation through Christ? How does the verse above illustrate the heart of the Father?

**Lamentations 3:22** tells us that, *“His compassions never fail.”*

6. On a scale of 1 to 10, how compassionate are you? Does your compassion ever run shallow for others? When? Why?
7. How does the verse above illustrate the heart of God toward you? Toward others?

**One To Grow On (This weeks Growth Challenge):**

*But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. **Luke 15:20***

God is a patient, God forgiving and compassionate father. Even though we may be, at times, a long way off, he is patient with us, and longs for us to experience His Presence.

Are you “at home” with God or are you somewhere else? Waiting to come home? Wondering if He’ll receive you? Wherever you are, God loves you. He has a plan for your life and longs for you to experience the life of His Spirit, and forgiveness through Jesus.

Take a moment in your group and talk about where you are with God. Spend a few minutes to pray for one another. Maybe, for you, it’s time to come home. Or, maybe it’s just time to thank your Heavenly Father, Who’s with you, and in you.