Prayer Concerns:

Intentional Fathering

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A father's life:

1. Gives _____ of God's _____

2. Sets an _____

A father's roles:

1. _____ *para-kaleo*

2. _____ *para-mytheomai*.

3. _____ *martyromai*

A father's goals:

1. Having his kids _____ of _____

2. Having his kids _____ in God's _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting started:

1. Describe your father in three words.

Digging deeper:

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12

1. In verses 6-9, Paul likens himself to a mother caring for her children. What specific characteristics does Paul mention, and how do they also apply to how a father treats his kids?

2. Read Acts 7:54-8:1 and Romans 7:15. Knowing Paul's past, how could he say he was holy, righteous, and blameless? After discussing this read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. What hope and assurance does this give us?

3. No earthly father is perfect. We are all works in progress. Although flawed, how can we set an example of faith for our kids to follow?

4. Review the three roles a father is to play in the life of his children. Which one comes easiest for you? Which one takes more intentionality to fulfill?

5. Reread verses 11-12. What were Paul's goals for his spiritual children? What are your goals for your kids?

Taking it Home:

1. Reflect on God's the Father's love and lordship in your life. Take time to praise Him for being such a good Father to you.