

Behold! The Awesome Opportunity And Responsibility Of Fathers
Genesis 5:1-3
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Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Look at Matthew 6 and make note of every time Jesus refers to God as our Father. What does He say about the nature and roles of God as our Father? How are we supposed to act as His children?
2. How can we use what we know about God as father to grow in our roles as parents?
3. Have you ever known anybody who has negative feelings towards God simply because their father/parents were harsh? What does this say about the importance of the role of parents?
4. In the sermon, Pastor Kevin defined sin as misrepresenting God and failing to properly reflect his glory. Have you ever thought about sin in that light? Consider Romans 3:23. Does it help you understand why we make such a big deal about the glory of God?
5. We believe that God's highest priority and commitment is to uphold his glory (see Isaiah 48:9-11 and Romans 9:17), does this help us to understand why eternal punishment is necessary for misrepresenting him? Romans 6:23
6. Opportunity and responsibility are always interrelated. Have you ever considered that being an image bearer of God implies amazing opportunity but with it comes the responsibility of representing him well?
7. Why was Adam held responsible for sin? Consider Genesis 3:6-12 in light of Genesis 2:15-17.
8. In regard to Adam being responsible for and perpetuating a flawed human race, consider these passages: Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22. How is Adam compared with Jesus Christ?
9. What were the three ways of the good news of the Gospel related to parenting? (1 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 4:14-16).
10. Do you agree that the best way to spend your life is to invest it into someone else according to God's ways? Consider Genesis 1:28; Luke 24:44-49.
11. How does the idea of representing God as fathers and mothers relate to what we have been learning about worship in Ephesians 5? Is parenting supposed to be done as worship? How can parents play a key role in leading a household that is filled with the spirit? Consider Ephesians 5:15-21.