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Summer 2017 Series – “The Father Heart of God.”

- I. **We are born with a _____.**
 - God’s desire is to Father us.
 - Live in Father – Deut 3:16
 - The Father who knows his children – Jer 1:5
- II. **God Our Father _____.**
 - Sense the Father’s Love – 1John 4:16; Romans 5:5
 - The Father’s Sacrificial Love – John 3:16; 1John 3:1, 16, 23
- III. **God Our Father _____.**
 - Abundant Life – John 10:10
 - Compassion for us – Psalm 103:8
 - Your Potential – Special Future – Eph 2:10
- IV. **God Our Father _____ over you.**
 - Psalm 139:13-16
 - Zephaniah 3:10
 - Commitment – Heb 13:5-6
 - Inheritance and Legacy – 1Peter 1:3-4; Rom 8:15-17

What is our response to understanding the Love and Grace of the Father to us? _____. Proverbs 15:33

“To honor someone, then, is to give weight or to grant a person a position of respect and even authority in one's life. A person grants honor most frequently on the basis of position, status, or wealth, but it should be granted on the basis of character. While honor is an internal attitude of respect, courtesy, and reverence, it should be accompanied by appropriate attention or even obedience.” Baker’s Dictionary of Evangelical Theology.

1. Honour your heavenly Father through Worship. Psalm 104:1; Proverbs 3:9, Rev 4:11
 - Practice of our Worship.
2. Honour your heavenly Father through Obeying the Word. James 1:22-25; John 5:23
3. Honour your heavenly Father through Honouring One Another.
 - Honour your parents. Deut 5:16
 - Honour your marriage. Hebrews 13:4
 - Honour each other in the church. Romans 12:10
 - Honour the Leadership. 1Tim 5:17
 - Honour is active. You give honour you cannot demand it.

When you understand the Father Heart of God you will honour Him and others around you.

Life Group Questions

- Why is understanding the Father Heart of God (Grace and Love) so important as we follow Jesus Christ?
- How does God the Father show his love to us?
- In what ways does God the Father give us abundant life?
- What is the difference between our potential or special future in Christ and the plan our enemy the devil has for us?
- God speaks blessing over us and acts by blessing us. How does this impact you personally?
- Why is honour the response to understanding and experiencing the Father heart of God?
- What is the difference between honour and respect?
- Who do you find is hardest to give honour to in your life?
- Take time this week to prayerfully honour 3 people in your life. Honour shares the Father Heart of God.