Group Life

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Dad's Finer Moments ~ Michael Pawelke

Noah, the Pioneer

Genesis 6:5-22

Genesis 7:11-16

Joseph, the Statesman

Genesis 37-50

Genesis 41:37-52

Genesis 50:19-21

Joseph, the Carpenter

Matthew 1:18-25

Getting Connected

1. When we consider our heavenly father, it is only natural for us to think about our own earthly fathers.

   At times these comparisons are not helpful, but as a group describe some positive characteristics of fathers that do, in a small way, help us understand our relationship with God.

Digging Deeper

1. Review the account of one of the characters that Michael spoke about this week (Noah Ge.6-9; Joseph Ge.37, 39-45; Joseph Lk.1-2) and discuss their integrity and character. How did God work through their actions? Can we expect similar outcomes if we behave in similar ways? How?

2. The Old Testament describes that obedience is better than sacrifice. (1 Sam.15:22; Jer.7:23) How might we apply this truth to our lives today where animal sacrifices do not take place?

3. Read the parable of the wise and foolish builders from Matthew 7:24-27. Spend some time as a group unpacking what you believe to be Jesus' intention as he described this scenario. What might the wind and rain represent? What would the actions in verse 24 look like "day-to-day", and how would they help against the "storm"?

Growing Together

1. Think of a specific "test of faith" that you may have experienced at some point in your life. If you feel comfortable, describe to the group how your response to that situation made you feel.
2. What are some specific routine "spiritual disciplines" that will help in the formation of a strong Christian character?

Sow a thought; reap an act.
Sow an act; reap a habit.
Sow a habit; reap a character.

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Prayer Prompters