

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT YOU

PART 1: OUR FATHER

INTRODUCTION

The most essential part of who you are is what you think about God. Your perceptions affect your relationships. Your perceptions about God...what you think about God...dictate the level of trust and intimacy you experience with God. This series will help clarify your perception of God.

KEY QUOTE

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

--A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy

KEY SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:16

John 17:24

John 6:40

Acts 17:25, 27

Psalms 103:13

John 1:12

Matthew 6:9

Hebrews 12:7

2 Corinthians 6:18

KEY THOUGHT

Before he created, before he ruled the world, before anything else, God was simply a Father loving his Son. That's the kind of relationship he's invited you into.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you close your eyes and try to picture God, what do you see?
2. Describe your relationship with your dad...good, bad, close, distant, non-existent...How has your relationship with your earthly father impacted the way you feel about God as Father?
3. Read Psalm 103:13. Regardless of your relationship with your earthly father, God is filled with compassion for his children. How have you experienced God's compassion?
4. God wants to function in every area of your life in a fatherly way. In what part of your life is it most challenging for you to allow God to be Father?
5. What does it mean for you that God is a Father?

APPLICATION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me to clarify my perception of you as my loving Heavenly Father so that I will trust you and grow closer to you through your Son Jesus Christ!