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SHOW ME THE FATHER

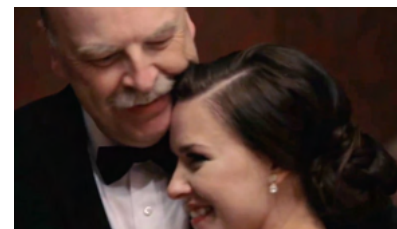
EVERYONE HAS A FATHER STORY ... AND IT'S STILL BEING WRITTEN

Discussion Guide

Now that you've seen the SHOW ME THE FATHER movie, you may want to discuss the key themes in the film with your small group, family or team. Let's dive into them, using the 7 Key Roles of a Father as our framework for the discussion.



7 KEY ROLES OF A FATHER

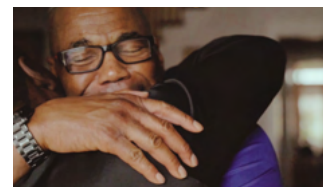


1. A FAITHFUL PROVIDER // Matthew 6:11 & Philippians 4:19

- How did your earthly father do at providing for you physically, spiritually, and emotionally?
- How does God provide for us?
- How did Jesus, as a representation of the Father, provide for people under His care?

2. A STRONG PROTECTOR // Matthew 6:13 & Psalm 91

- What are ways that fathers should protect their families?
- What dangers might children stumble into if fathers don't intervene?
- How does God protect us?
- How did Jesus protect the people under His care?
- What Bible stories demonstrate how God protects His children from harm?



3. A LOVING LEADER // Matthew 6:9-13 & John 13:12-15

- Was your father a strong and loving leader in your family?
- What is it that makes a loving leader so effective?
- How does God lead us and show us His love?
- How did Jesus lovingly lead the people under His care?



4. A TRUTHFUL TEACHER // Proverbs 4:1-4 & Ephesians 6:4

- Why is it important for fathers to intentionally teach truth to their children?
- Why are truths often best taught in the context of a close relationship?
- What were some things Jesus did to teach the people under His care?
- Share a few good things you learned from your earthly father.



5. A WILLING HELPER // Psalm 10:14 & John 14:16,26

- Share a story when a father served his children and met a need or lightened their load.
- What is one way a father can become a willing helper to his family?
- Describe a time when you believe that God the Father intervened in your life and helped you.
- What practical ways can we put others' needs above our own?
- What are some ways that Jesus helped His followers and disciples?

6. A HOPEFUL ENCOURAGER // Hebrews 12:5 & Romans 15:4-5

- Did your earthly father encourage you? If so, how?
- What are tangible ways we can encourage our children?
- What encouragement have you received that affected you positively?
- How does God encourage us today?
- Why do you think a father's blessing is so deeply encouraging to his children?

7. A COMPASSIONATE FRIEND // Psalm 103:13 & John 15:15

- Read Psalm 103:13 - discuss how earthly fathers show compassion on their children.
- How is compassion a sign of moral and inner strength rather than a sign of weakness?
- How did Jesus demonstrate and show compassion to those around Him?
- Share a story of a time when your earthly father showed compassion for you.

So much of how we see God the Father is affected by our earthly fathers. When an earthly father represents God well with compassionate and faithful leadership, then his child is more likely to trust God as being compassionate and loving. We hope these questions are helping you to see your own story and God in a clearer light. If you want to know better what God is like, then study the life of Jesus. He came to show the Father's love and to be the perfect representation of God the Father to humanity. (John 14) He said, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Moving Forward

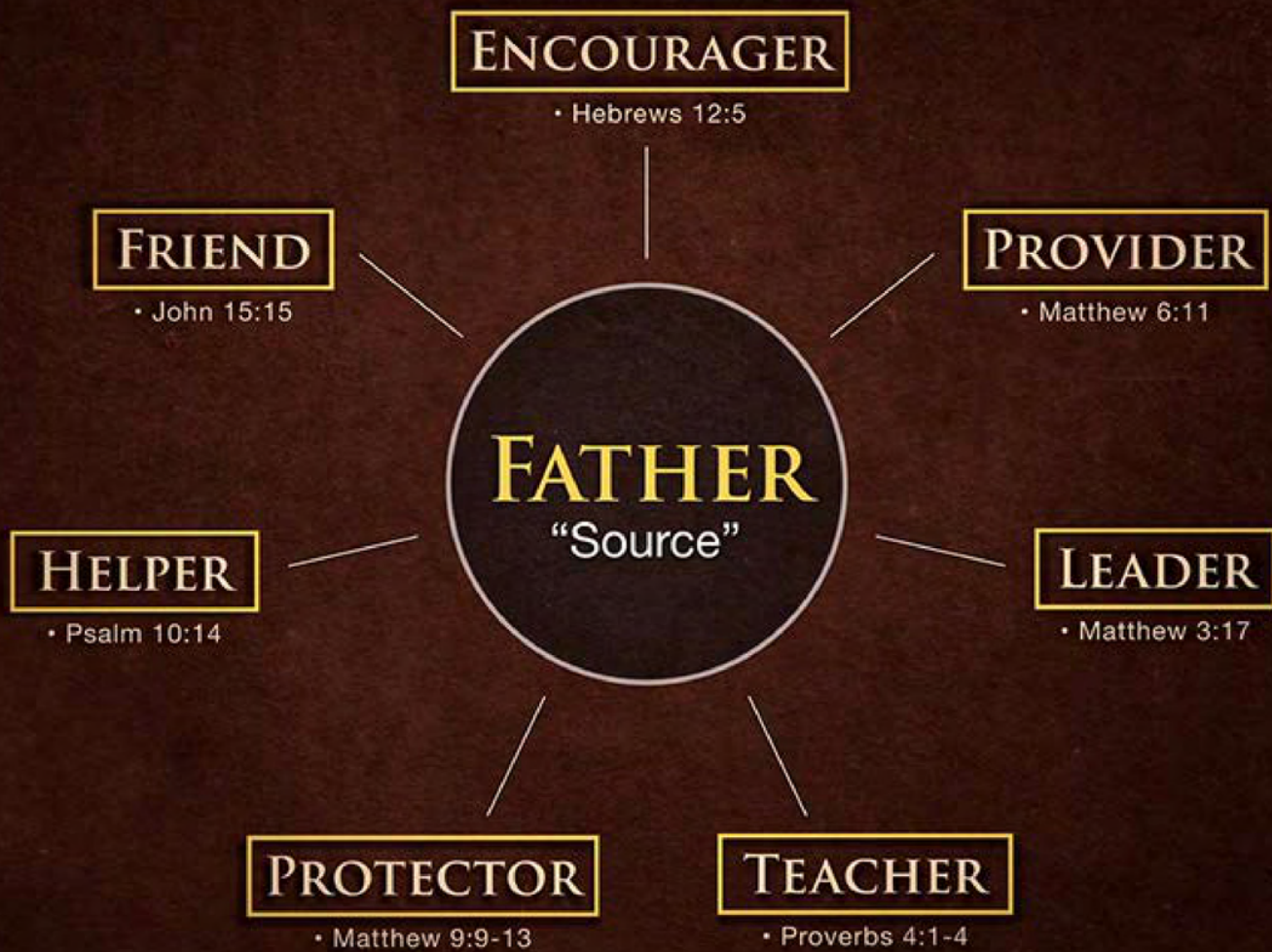
Often, to move forward, we need to discover how to forgive those who've wronged us, and this may include our own earthly fathers. Many of these themes were highlighted in the film. Consider these closing questions as you move forward in joy and freedom.

- How does bitterness destroy a person's heart? (Hebrews 12:14-15, Matthew 6:14-15)
- How does extending forgiveness actually help us to heal and move on? (Ephesians 4:29-32)
- How can we forgive people, even before they apologize? (Mark 11:25)
- How did Sherman Smith's dad instill hope and identity into his son?
- What were some of the most important takeaways from Jim Daly's story?
- Why is it important for coaches and mentors to reach out to the fatherless? How was this demonstrated throughout the movie?
- Why do you think Deland McCullough expressed that he had such a problem with male role models in his life growing up?
- How did Eddie George change his perspective on the value of his children?
- How did Mia's adoption story demonstrate the roles and love that God extends to us?
- How could Larry Kendrick share such a powerful blessing to his sons when he had never received one from his father?
- How is Sherman Smith's and Deland McCullough's relationship so much like the way people are relating to God over time?



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