

Finding Home in Family: A Study of Jonathan

Jonathan was a man of great faith. This faith in God the father helped him to commit to a new spiritual family with God's anointed David, as well as honoring his physical family in Saul.

Summary of Today's Lesson: Through Faith, God, our spiritual father calls us to covenant with a new family, the church. As a follower of Christ we have responsibilities to both our physical and spiritual families. Today's lesson focuses mainly on the spiritual family and the commitment it requires of the children of God.

Everyone is looking for a home. Home is where your Heart, Soul, Mind and Body find comfort, identity, and belonging. **When God becomes our father we are welcomed into a spiritual family.**

1. Finding Home in Family begins with **FAITH in GOD**.
2. Finding Home in Family requires **COVENANT**.
3. Finding Home in Family requires **SELFISHNESS**.
4. Finding Home in Family reveals our **NEW IDENTITY**.

Study Guide

Finding Home in Family – 1 Samuel: Jonathan

Summary of Today's Lesson: As a people who have faith in God, we inherit a new family. We are called to live selfless lives with the church, covenanting with fellow believers and buying into our new identity as sons and daughters of God.

Getting to Know Me: (these questions are designed to get your group started and build community)

1. What is one of your favorite childhood memories?
2. What is your middle name?

Getting Started: (these questions are designed to “prime the pump” and get the group thinking about the teaching on Sunday)

1. What was one principle/idea/thought that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
2. What are the qualities of the friendship between Jonathan and David?
3. What are the signs of faith in the life of Jonathan?

Digging Deeper: (these questions are “text-based” and designed to help get the group talking about the Scriptures together)

1. How does Jonathan's military plans compare and contrast to Saul's in Chapter 14?
2. Read 2 Samuel 1:17-27. What does David's lament reveal about his relationship with Saul and Jonathan? What do we discover about Saul and Jonathan's lives and deaths in this eulogy?

Application:

1. What is it that keeps you from covenanting with people?
2. What is one practical step you can take this week to make a positive change in your relationships?