

Growing Together Discussion Questions from Sunday's Sermon – Oct. 27, 2013

(For Personal Study, Review, Meditation and Mid-Week Group Discussion)

I. Getting to know you ~ Questions just for fun:

- a. How computer savvy do you consider yourself?
- b. Windows or Mac?

II. Getting into the Bible ~ Points from Sunday's Message:

What do you believe about God the Father?

- a. As Christians, we have a fairly developed theology of Jesus and the Holy Spirit (and even God in general). Yet, as Christians, we have a fairly undeveloped theology of God the Father.
 - i. Why might this be so?
 - ii. What practical implication(s) does it have on your relationship with God the Father?
 - iii. What practical implication does it have on your understanding of what it means to be, or have, an earthly father?
- b. Scripture:
 - i. John 5:16-30
 - ii. On Sunday we looked at different passages in the Gospel of John and said that God the Father is...
 1. An Initiator.
 2. A Giver.
 3. A Securer of His Own (those who come to Him through Jesus).
 - iii. Looking back at John 5:16-30, what else do we learn specifically about the Father?

III. Getting into Life:

- a. How did Sunday's message, and your time in the Scripture this week, influence your thoughts, attitude and relationship with God the Father?
- b. If you have come to Jesus in faith – placing your trust in Him as your personal Savior – then John 10:27-30 says that God gave you to Jesus and Jesus gave you to God. You belong to Jesus! You belong to God! You are securely His! How does this security influence your present stability?
- c. According to Hebrews 12:5-13, how is God the Father compared with our earthly father? How is God the Father infinitely better than our earthly fathers?