

SERMON NOTES & QUESTIONS



DATE - wc/27th Nov

THEME - Fathers, Sons & Daughters

SERMON OUTLINE

Key passage 1 Cor 4:14 -16

I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. 15 Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

When Paul writes to the church in Corinth at this point, he addresses them not as an apostle, not even as a pastor but as a father. He wants the church to know that relationship is key to personal growth and church growth. He explains that we need spiritual fathers who can help us live like them.

The idea of this type of relationship is, of course, best seen between Jesus and God the father. *Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

Three things every person needs in their lives:

- Acceptance
- Affection
- Affirmation

1. GOD SEES YOU AS YOU COULD BE NOT JUST AS YOU ARE

2. GOD SAYS WHAT HE SEES

Quote: "the single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place"
George Bernard Shaw

3. GOD WANTS MORE THAN SERVANTS HE WANTS SONS AND DAUGHTERS

God always sees the best in you and so too we should do the same with others despite our failures.

Prayer Points

Pray for our Christmas events

Pray for each location

Pray for courage to take steps to invite your friends to church

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We all come from different family backgrounds. Tell those in your group a little about your upbringing. For example, where did you grow up, how many siblings do you have?

INTO THE BIBLE

Read 1 Cor 4:14-16 and write down why Paul wanted to be a spiritual father to the church and not just a guardian?

Read Heb 3:5-6 and write down the what you think are the differences between being a son/daughter than a servant?

How do you think a son/daughter treats the house (church) compared to a servant?

Read Matthew 3:17 and discuss in your group the importance of Jesus' relationship with God.

If God said these words to you how would it make you feel?

Pastor Paul talked about three words that every person needs to experience to help them flourish, what were they?

A _____ /A _____ /A _____

Write down what difference these things can make in our lives?

APPLICATION

The Bible explains that God is our Father?

Write down three reasons for why this is important to you?