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LIFE GROUPS

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## Winning in Relationships: Fathers' Day

### Discussions Questions

#### MEMORY VERSE:

Just as a father has compassion on *his* children,  
So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

Psalm 103:13

Kicking It Off – What is your favorite dad story or dad joke? It can be a story about your own father, someone who was a father figure to you, a story about a dad you know, or even a story about you as a father. Why is this so meaningful?

1. Read Psalm 68:5 and 2 Corinthians 6:18. Let's remember that Fathers' Day is difficult for some people because not everyone had a good relationship with their father (or their mother.) What promise does this verse give to those whose father might be absent (for any reason) or those who did not have a good relationship with their father? Remember, we have two chances to have a good earthly parent-child relationship. The first is with our own parents, the second is as a parent to our own children.
2. Read 1 Peter 3:7. Please note that the expression here that refers to women as being weaker in this verse refers to the place that they held in the society at the time that Peter wrote these words. First century society may have viewed women as weaker, but what does God say about the place of women in the kingdom of God in this verse? What does Peter say will happen if a man does not honor his wife (the mother of his children)? Why is it important for men to set this kind of example for their children? Men, what are some ways in which can you do this? Women, how can you be worthy of this honor?
3. Read Colossians 3:21. Children need discipline, but they also need encouragement, guidance, and our patience. What are some ways that we exasperate (frustrate) our children? What are some things we can do to keep us from doing this – especially when our little darlings are strumming on our last nerve?

Putting It into Action – If you have a child, tell them something you genuinely value about them. If you have a living parent, thank them for something they did for you (if the relationship was not good; at least remember that they gave you life.) Now, ask God to make you more like him—the Perfect Father.