

## STUDY GUIDE: “The Good Father”

### Discussion Starters

1. Name some famous fathers in our culture.
2. Is it easy or hard to call God a father, based on your experience with your father?

**Study** This study guide is intended as a follow up to a sermon given on June 17<sup>th</sup> at NOCC, “The Good Father”. If you haven’t heard this sermon yet, please go to [www.nocc.org](http://www.nocc.org) and listen to it before trying to finish the study guide.

3. To begin this study, read each passage below and note what it tells us about God the Father.

Proverbs 3:12

Psalms 32:8

Philippians 4:19

Zephaniah 3:17

Psalms 18:30

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think that word was chosen for this study guide (i.e “why look this up?”).

--“reproves” (Proverbs 3:12)—

--“teach” (Psalm 32:8)—

--“supply” (Philippians 4:19)—

--“rejoice” (Zephaniah 3:17)—

--“blameless” (Psalm 18:30)—

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5. List some famously good fathers from the Bible.

6. What characteristics made them good fathers?

7. List some famously bad fathers from the Bible.

8. What characteristics made them bad fathers?

**Taking It Home**

9. List some characteristics about God that make him the perfect father. Use scripture to back up your comments.

10. If God is the perfect Father, what does that mean for you his son/daughter?