



Discussion Questions for *Psalm 103 - Father's Day*
Week of June 20th - 26th, 2010

Warm Up What are the Summer plans you have as a group? Will you keep meeting, or at least gather for some fun times together?

- What is one thing you appreciated about your dad growing up? How has this impacted you in your adult life? What is something you wish he would have done differently? How, by God's grace, can you learn from this?
- Read **Psalm 103** aloud. Go around and share what few verses resonate with you most.
 - Why *specifically* do you like these?
 - How do these verses apply to what you might be going through right now?
- We learned on Sunday that as a healthy human father deeply loves and is tenderly compassionate toward his children, so is the LORD toward those who belong to Him.
 - Do you have a difficult time believing this? Why or why not?
 - Do you think your earthly father's influence on your life impacted the view you have of your Heavenly Father? If so, how?
- Though it is human nature to understand God in light of our earthly relationships (e.g. father to child), what do you think should inform our understanding of God most? How are you currently learning about God's character?
- Jesus used a parable to describe the extravagance, compassion, and tenderness of the Father's love in **Luke 15:11-32**. The profound story of *The Prodigal Son* is well known. See if you can sum up this story together (preferably without reading it! ☺). In what ways do you hope to be like the father in this story? Where does the rubber meet the road for you personally when you reflect upon this story?

Wrap Up: Close tonight by praying fervently for the spiritual life and influence of the dad's in your group. If there aren't any dad's among you, pray for the father's of 'the shoreline' church, that they would love, live, and grow as true disciples of Jesus in all things.