

Overview:

- Read the Scriptures printed in this study guide.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- We are considering how we are Fathered by God

Explore:

- Do you struggle with statement that “God is Good”? If yes, in General or at specific times, please explain.
- What was your life like when you first came to Faith? Was life more exciting, or sweeter? How would you describe your first days as a new believer?
- Describe a season in your life when you experienced Wonder and Surprise as part of your Christian walk?
- Have you ever been pushed into something that turned out to be a very positive experience? If so, what made it a good experience?
- Would you share some of the things you have learned as a believer that contributed to your Spiritual Growth?
- Do you have a Christian mission in life? Or, what would you like your mission in life to be?
- Discuss Jude 1:20-23.
- How do you feel about God’s Vision for you to reign with Christ in Eternity?
- Of the stages of being Fathered by God, do any make you a little nervous? Or, excite you?

Colossians 1:11-14 NLT May you be filled with joy, 12 always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. 13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, 14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins

James 1:17 NLT Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

Deuteronomy 32:10 NLT He found them in a desert land, in an empty, howling wasteland. He surrounded them and watched over them; he guarded them as he would guard his own eyes.

1 Peter 2:2-3 NLT Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, 3 now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness

Isaiah 55:1-3 NLT “Is anyone thirsty Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk— it’s all free! 2 Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. 3 “Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised ...

James 1:2-4 NLT Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing

Hebrews 12:5-7 NLT And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, “My child, don’t make light of the Lord ’s discipline, and don’t give up when he corrects you. 6 For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.” 7 As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father

Romans 1:7 NLT I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people...

Romans 8:29-30 NLT For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory

Philippians 3:14 NLT I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

1 John 4:10-11 NLT This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other

Jude 1:20-23 NLT But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, 21 and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God’s love. 22 And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. 23 Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

Also 1 Peter 2:9 and Revelation 20:4

Application and Notes:

EPIC... The Father

Colossians 1:11-14

Who is your Father?

Kingdom of Light/Darkness

Colossians 1:11-14

God is Good

James 1:17; Deuteronomy 32:10

Discovery

Invitation

1 Peter 2:2-3

Beloved

Wonder and Exploration

Isaiah 55:1-3

Testing

Pushing

Tested

Learning

James 1:2-4, Hebrews 12:5-7

Purpose

Calling

The Call, The Purpose, The Mission

Romans 1:7; 8:29-30; Philippians 3:14

The Battle

Mission is Crucial

Love

Heart, Passion of the Warrior

1 John 4:10-11

The Warrior offers Strength/Beauty

Jude 1:20-23

Reign

The Vision

1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 20:4