

# Happy Father's Day

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**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** We will explore the different phases of manhood and how we experience the interruptions from our plans at each juncture. When we have a map for our maturity we can develop a plan for the inevitable pain of disappointment. We get the chance to disrupt society's low expectations of men and care well for the people that God has placed in our lives.

## » Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

## » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Who are the men in your life that have had a positive impact on you?
- Digging Deeper: What are some of the cultural pictures of men today? Describe the positive and negative effects of these cultural norms.

## » Observation | Read Titus 2:1-2, 6-8

(15 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

## » Key Principle | Our interruptions are invitations to disruptions.

(15 minutes)

- How do you welcome interruptions differently depending on the task being performed and the interrupter?
- Are there interruptions in your life that have drawn you closer to God? If so, what were they?

## » Non-Toxic Masculinity | Reread Titus 2:1,2; Proverbs 19:20-22; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Galatians 6:6-10

(15 minutes)

- What is the value of a plan if it is not backed up by wisdom and sound doctrine?
- Which has higher expectations of manhood: society or the Bible? How so?
- How do discipline and course correction lead to the reaping of benefits long term?

## » Youthful Wisdom | Reread Titus 2:6-8; Psalm 119:9-16; Hosea 10:12; 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 John 2:12-14

(15 minutes)

- What aspects of youth encourage rapidly changing plans and lack of wisdom? Why?
- How does the Word of God provide protection during youth and beyond?
- Why is it challenging to be a self-controlled youth? How does the Bible encourage this?

## » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- What attribute do you think would most dramatically impact the life of a young man if he modeled it?
- Who can you encourage in your life that is modeling some of these attributes today?
- Close by praying for each other to seek God's rest and to remain committed to new rhythms with God and with their families.