

15 June



### Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Father's Day 2025



### Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member who God the Father is to you?
2. What example did Jesus set for us in Mark 1:35 – 37 and Matthew 14:6 – 13? **(To set our priorities in prayer to God the Father, and during painful times.)**
3. What does God's name El Elyon mean? **(The Most High God, the ruler and possessor of heaven and earth, the One who is in charge – 2 Samuel 22:14.)**
4. What does God's name El Shaddai mean? **(The Almighty, all powerful One – Genesis 17:1.)**



### Let's go deeper

5. What does God's name Jehovah Nissi mean? **(The Lord our banner and our victory – Exodus 17:15.)**
6. What does Zephaniah 3:17 tell us about God? **(He will take great delight in you, in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.)**
7. What does 1 Timothy 2:3 – 4 tell us about God? **(This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved...)**
8. What does 1 Peter 5: tell us about God? **(Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.)**



### Let's apply this

**9. 1 John 4:8, 10;** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. v.10; In this is love, not that we have loved God, but He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins.

- What did you learn from Jesus' relationship with God the Father?
- Which of the names of God helped you to grow in your understanding and revelation of who God is?
- What characteristics of God stood out for you?
- Ask God the Father to reveal more and more of His character and love to you this week.

### SUMMARY:

**Father's Day:** God the Father loves you

**Read:** Mark 1:35 – 37; Matthew 14:6 – 13 and 1 John 4:8

Jesus showed us the perfect example of who God is, and how we can enjoy our relationship with Him. Jesus set His priorities in prayer in the presence of God the Father (Mark 1:35 – 37). Jesus dealt with painful situations in prayer in the presence of God the Father (Matt.14:6 – 13). Leaving an example for us to follow.

**To understand the names of God is to understand God's revelation of Himself:**

**El Elyon:** The Most High God; the ruler and possessor of heaven and earth; the one who is in charge – Genesis 14:18; 2 Samuel 22:14.

**El Shaddai:** The Almighty, all powerful one; constantly pouring out nourishment to His children and meeting their needs – Genesis 17:1.

**Yahweh, Lord or Jehovah:** The one who always is; the constant "I AM" the existing one – Exodus 3:14.

**Elohim:** God. This name shows us the plurality in one God. Genesis 1:26, And God (Elohim) said, Let us make man in our image. This denotes two or more in one.

**Jehovah Shammah:** The Lord is there; He is constantly present with us – Ezekiel 48:35.

**Jehovah Shalom:** The Lord our peace, safety and wholeness – Judges 6:24.

**Jehovah Jireh:** The Lord will provide for us – Genesis 22:14.

**Jehovah Nissi:** The Lord our banner and our victory – Exodus 17:15.

**Jehovah Tsidkenu:** The Lord who clothes us with His righteousness; the Lord our righteousness – Jeremiah 23:6.

**Jehovah Rapha:** The Lord that heals us – Exodus 15:26b.

**Jehovah Ro-hi:** The Lord who is our loving, guiding shepherd – Psalm 23:1.

- **What is God like?**

He experiences grief – Genesis 6:6.

He experiences joy – Luke 15:22 – 24.

He rejoices with singing - Zephaniah 3:17.

He is willing to answer prayer – Matthew 7:11.

He wants us to have abundant life – John 10:10.

He wants to set us free from fear – John 14:1.

He desires to give us an eternal home – John 14:2 – 3.

He wants all mankind to be saved - 1 Timothy 2:3 – 5.

He wants to take care of our needs – 1 Peter 5:7.