

**WHO IS YOUR FATHER?
JOHN 8:12-59**

Introduction

- *The origin of Fathers Day*
- *Who has been a father to you?*

I. WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP TO HIS FATHER?

- A. The Father's Relationship to the Son
1. *Father sent the Son (8:16,18,26,29,42)*
 2. *Father taught the Son (8:28)*
 3. *Father is with the Son (8:29)*
 4. *Father glorifies the Son (8:54)*
- B. The Son's Relationship to the Father
1. *Son stands with the Father (8:16)*
 2. *Son has heard the Father (8:26)*
 3. *Son speaks what the Father has taught him (8:28)*
 4. *Son does what pleases the Father (8:29)*
 5. *Son has seen the Father (8:38)*
 6. *Son honors the Father (8:49)*
 7. *Son knows the Father (8:55)*
 8. *Son keeps the Father's word (8:55)*
- C. Son's Identity with Father
1. *Whoever knows the Son knows the Father (8:19; cf. 14:8-10)*
 2. *Son and Father share the same name: "I AM" (8:58)*

II. WHO DID JESUS' CRITICS THINK THEIR FATHER WAS?

- A. Abraham (8:33,39,53)
- B. God (8:41)

III. WHO DID JESUS SAY THEIR FATHER WAS?

- A. Physically, Abraham (8:37,56)
- B. Spiritually, not Abraham (8:39,40) or God (8:42,47)
- *cf. Romans 2:28,29; Galatians 3:29*
- C. Spiritually, the devil (8:41,44)

IV. HOW CAN GOD BECOME OUR FATHER?

- *Jeremiah 17:9; Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-10*
- *John 1:11,12*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 16-22

Follow-throughs

What do these verses reveal about God as our heavenly Father? How can these qualities be reflected in our human fathering? In what ways has someone been a spiritual father to you? Pray for the men and boys of our church, that they would come to resemble the heavenly Father.

Monday **Psalm 103:1-22**

Tuesday **Proverbs 3:11,12; Hebrews 12:1-13**

Wednesday **Matthew 6:25-34**

Thursday **Matthew 7:7-11**

Friday **Luke 6:27-36**

Warm-ups

Saturday **John 18:1-27**

What do you learn about Jesus from these verses? What do you learn about Peter?

Sunday **John 18:28-40**

What do you learn about Pilate from these verses? What do you think he was feeling and thinking as he interviewed Jesus?