



## A Heroic Blessing Leaders Tips

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### Connect to Others

1. In picturing God, what first comes to mind?
2. Growing up, did you know what your dad thought about you? Why or why not?

### Commit to Growth

*Read 2 Corinthians 6:18*

1. **What aspects of God' name, character, works and reputation help you define God as your "Heavenly Father?"**

Help the group to think of the ideal Father and then associate the names and characteristics of God that help define God as the perfect Father. Ex: Abba, provider, loving, gracious, forgiving, compassionate, etc.

2. **Read aloud John 17:23-26. In considering Jesus' prayer, does it sound blasphemous that God the Father loves you just as much as He loves Jesus? Why or why not?**

God is love and he loves everyone just the same. Help the group to come to grips that when God sees us, He sees Christ in us and that His love for us isn't defined by what we do, but by whose we are.

3. **Read Ephesians 1:3-14. List many of the spiritual blessings we have received from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? What do these mean to you?**

You can spend a lot of time on this question for we have received every spiritual blessing in Christ. List of the long list of blessings that are ours and spend time discussing what they mean to the people in your group.

4. **Read Ephesians 1:3 again. How does this verse instruct us to respond to the blessings God has given us? What are some other ways we can respond to the blessing of the Father?**

Our response to Him is one of worship, not because we have to, but because we want to, based on what He has done for us.

5. **As God the Father has affirmed you, consider how you celebrate your children? Your spouse? Those who are important to you? What are some ways you can show them the joy they bring to your life?**

Just as the Father has affirmed us, help them to make the connection that God wants us to pass along the Father's blessing to others. Discuss ways that you can do this.

6. **How can others help you become the man or woman God has designed you to become?**

Make this personal. What can you as a group can do to support one another in this.

7. **What has been the biggest take away for you in our Heroes series?**