

# FATHER | DEFINING MANHOOD

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:

- Share prayer requests.
- What does it mean to be a man?
- How does the world define the term masculinity?
- What did you learn from your father about what it means to be a man, or if applicable man of God?

## NINE ATTRIBUTES OF A MAN

### **ONE: A man commits to follow a greater authority.**

*To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:57-62)*

### **TWO: He commits to sacrifice all else in the shadow of discipleship.**

*"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26)*

### **THREE: He commits to determined obedience.**

*After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:66-69)*

### **FOUR: He commits to spiritual discipline.**

*And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. (Mark 1:35)*

### **FIVE: He commits to abide in the word of truth.**

*So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)*

### **SIX: He commits to growth and production.**

*"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." (John 15:8)*

## **SEVEN: He commits to carry out God's mission.**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)*

## **EIGHT: He commits to love faithfully.**

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)*

## **NINE: He commits to brotherhood and community.**

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

### **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:**

- Which of the above nine attributes are hardest for you? Easiest?
- What are you convicted about today that you need to address?
- How would our boys be different if we taught them these principles?

### **MY ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **Issues to Address. Steps to Take.**

Is there something you need to do, write it below? What steps are you going to take today?