

Only God can fix us because only God truly knows us.

Psalm 139:1-14

How you love is learned.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

It's better to <u>learn the right way</u> than to <u>unlearn the wrong</u> way.

How you learn will be how you last.

If anyone is in Christ, the new has come. The old way is gone, the new is here. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Everybody has "daddy issues".

75% more likely to experience teen pregnancy.

85% more likely to spend time in prison.

71% of high school dropouts have no father in the home.

90% of homeless have no father in the picture.

63% of teen suicides have no father present in their lives.

85% of children who have emotional and psychological issues have an inactive or absent father.

45% of children living in the USA are growing up without a father in the home.

Everyone needs a Father fix.

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows - this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and give them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. Psalm 68:5-6

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter.

- Who knew you best growing up and who knows you best now?
- What does it take to really know a person?
- Read Psalm 139:1-6. What does the passage tell us about God?
- What are some ways that God knows you?
- What are some of the advantages of God knowing everything about you? How could this motivate you?

START THINKING

- Pastor talked about how relationships are hard and how we bring past experiences into our present relationships. What are some past things you tend to bring into your present relationships?
- Pastor stated, "Only God can fix us because only God truly knows us." In what ways do we expect other people to "fix" us? What are some expectations that we bring into our relationships? (dating, marriage, or parent relationships.)
- How does God fix what is broken in us?

START SHARING

- Read Proverbs 22:6. When most read that verse, good training is implied, but what happens when a person is trained wrong?
- What might this verse be saying about receiving bad training?
- Pastor said that all of us have DADDY ISSUES on some level.
 The Old Testament tells us that the sins of the father are
 passed down through the generations. How have you
 seen this in your life or the lives of those you love?
- The answer to poor training is that we all need a Father fix.
 According to Psalm 68:6-7, how might God fix our training?

START PRAYING. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank you for being the Father to the fatherless. Show us the areas of our lives that have been wrongly trained and help us to look to you to fix what is broken inside us. We put our trust in you and ask for your forgiveness in areas of our lives that aren't pleasing you. Please help us fight lies with your truth. In Jesus' name, amen.