# Father God – His View of Us

**Ice Breaker:** Always feel free to come up with your own ice breaker or pick another one from the Ice Breaker list.

What was the most significant thing that happened to you this past week?

# Bible Study Discussion – God's View of Us.

What is your present perception of how you believe God views you?

Ask the question above before you have someone read Jeremiah 29:11-13.

<u>Jeremiah 29:11</u> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

 What does Jeremiah say to you about How God really thinks about you and how does it affect your walk with Him?

When we begin to perceive God in the same way that He perceives us there is an agreement in the Spirit that brings a greater connection and intimacy with Him and thus causes us to seek Him more with a full heart of assurance. The following Scriptural reference express this thought fully.

<u>Jeremiah 29:12-13</u> Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Have someone read Psalm 139:17 & Isaiah 55:9

<u>Psalms 139:17</u> How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

**Isaiah 55:9** "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

 If you were to totally bring your thoughts into alignment with these two verses, how do you think it would change your view of God and what He desires to do in your life?

Have someone read Song of Songs 1:5 & Romans 5:8

<u>Song of Songs 1:5</u> I am **dark**, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon

<u>Romans 5:8</u> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

What do these verses say about how much God loves and likes us?

God loves us and likes us even in our most darkened and sinful state.

#### How do these verses affect your walk with the Lord?

This is probably one of the most important factors in our whole Christian experience that gives us confidence in God. When we fully grasp the significance that God loves us and likes us even in our darkened and sinful state, it gives us confidence and assurance to move forward in His grace and mercy which enables us to walk as overcomers.

#### Do you think God is troubled when He thinks about you?

Allow everyone in the group to answer this question without too much comment then share the following.

### Absolutely not!

He makes a distinction between our actions and who He created us to be. Like a good parent, He may not approve of all the things we do, but He always loves and likes us.

God thinks we are precious . . . incredibly valuable. Like a caring parent, He adores us.

## Do you believe God wants to impose His will upon you?

God will never impose His will upon us. He gives us the right to make the choice as to whether we want His intervention or not.

Why do you think it is in God's best interest not to impose His will upon us?
Have someone read Jeremiah 17:9-10.

<u>Jeremiah 17:9-10</u> "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? <sup>10</sup>I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

He loves us enough to let us go our own way and find out for ourselves the kind of fruit we are capable of producing.

#### How do we enter into God's will for our lives?

We must yield to Him when He calls us, if we want His help and intervention in our lives.

 Can you think of a time when you knew clearly what God wanted you to do and you didn't do it? What was the outcome?

It has become very clear from the Scriptures that God is very much for us.

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

If this is true, then we must embrace it and walk in the true reality of God for it to become the new reality of our lives.

As we meditate on who God really is and what His heart's desire is towards us, we will find ourselves walking in a state of renewal that brings us into the prosperity and blessing that God

desires for us.

<u>Psalms 1:1-3</u> Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup>He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper

# **Ministering Purpose:**

How has this session changed your perspective on how God views you? How can we pray for you?

You may want to divide up into smaller groups to pray for one another.