

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 21st June 2020
Sermon Title: Being a Father in God's Family
Bible Passage: Psalm 112

Introduction

- How would describe a 'man of God', what would distinguish such person?
- Why do you think it is important to have fathers in God's family?
- Who, after Jesus, do you think is the greatest man in the Bible and why?

Recapping the Preach

Take time to read the passage again, perhaps read it a few times from different versions:

- Which verse stands out to you in this Psalm? Why?
- What are some of the adjectives the Psalmist uses to describe the righteous man?
- Is there anything that you find yourself resisting or would like to explore further?

Stu began by talking about some stereotypes of men and made the point that media can convey a message, 'this is what a real man looks like'. These stereotypes can cause pressure on men to live up to some ideal.

- What are some of the male stereotypes you are aware of?
- Where do you get these stereotypes from? Which sources of media? Can you give examples?
- What do you think are the main pressures that men face today?

Stu mentioned that God has set us up and given us the opportunity to grow but we need to live this out.

- In what way would you say God has set you up as a follower of Jesus? How are you living this out?

Stu shared three areas that men can work on in order to step into the role of being a father in God's family. They were: be a son and love the Father, be strong and be a leader.

- Which one of these do you think is most important for the church?
- What do you think are some of the challenges men face in living this out?
- What do you think it means to be strong in the Lord (Ephesians 6:10-12)?
- Do you think every man in church has the potential for leadership?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?

Prayer pointers

- Pray for the men of the church that they would grow strong in the Fathers grace.
- Pray for young men that they would set their hearts on God and seek to follow Jesus.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>