

Jesus Creed #2 – The God of the Jesus Creed

9-20-09

Connecting Group questions

1. Identify together the joys and difficulties you have in accepting that *Abba* loves you the way that world's best father loves his children.
 - a. Why does our image of God need amending as we learn more about God?
2. Reflect together on Jesus' teaching about God as *Abba* (Luke 15:11-32).
 - a. How did it sound in a Jewish world which is more accustomed to addressing God as "Lord" and then reflect together on what obstacles some of us face in embracing God as *Abba*.
3. Reflect on the message: What impacted you most from Sunday's message?
 - a. What is God saying to you about your life?
 - b. Take some time this week to reflect and listen deeply to the meaning of the term *Abba* and discover how it can help you understand who God is, what God is like, and how we are to relate to him.
4. Imagine your relationship with God as *Abba* – imagine how you might behave in God's presence when you comprehend that he is your *Abba*.
5. Commit your heart today to accepting God's love for you as an *Abba* love.
6. Take some time to pray for you, your group's, and this church's "domino" effect. Take time to pray for each other's spiritual development this week.

Prayer for the week:

Abba, thank you for loving me.