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Willow Park South  
Small Group Questions  
“Everlasting Father”  
*Isaiah 9:6*

**INTRODUCTION:**

Isaiah 6:9 prophesied the coming of Jesus and stated that He would be an “Everlasting Father.” This was a radical statement and implied that through faith in Jesus Christ, we are able to be adopted into the family of God.

**DISCUSSION:**

How is becoming a Christian like being adopted into a new family?

**EXPLANATION:**

- Why is it significant that Jesus was portrayed as a loving father?
- Why is it unfair for us to judge God by the shortcomings of our earthly fathers?
- What's the difference between living as a response to God's love and trying to earn God's love?
- How can we be assured that God really loves us?
  - **Romans 5:8** (ESV) *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**APPLICATION:**

- When you see that you have messed up and sinned, how do you think God feels in that moment?
- If we think that God is out to punish us, how does that change the way we respond in our failures?
- As Christians, why does God no longer need to punish us when we sin?
- Is it easy for you to trust God as a father to supply your needs? Why or why not?
- Why is it freeing to know that you can do nothing to make God love you more or less?