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2. How has your experience of an earthly father shaped your view of God as our Father? What emotions, challenges, or encouragements result from reflecting on fatherhood for you?
3. Which of these biblical themes regarding God as our Father do you find you most naturally relate to? Why?
4. Which of these biblical themes regarding God as our Father do you find most difficult to relate to? Why?
5. If our experience of freedom grows by relating to God as our Father, what are some ways we can grow in relating to Him in this way?
6. If you are a father: how do these themes about fatherhood make you want to grow and change?
7. How do you think you most need to experience God's presence as Father right now? Take time to ask Him together for these things.

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