

Behind the Curtain - Good Father

Weekend Discussion Questions

February 6-7, 2016

Community:

1. Have you ever been given access to somewhere you normally weren't allowed to go (backstage at a concert, on the NFL sidelines, etc.)? What were you thinking when you were there?

Core:

1. We're going to spend the next two months in the book of Hebrews. Reading the book of Hebrews can be daunting because it draws heavily from the Old Testament. To boil it down, the Old Testament is all about the kingdom of God. If you had to define the kingdom of God, what would you say?
2. **Read Hebrews 6:19.** In the Old Testament, the High Priest would be able to go behind the curtain and have access to God once a year on behalf of the people. When the early followers of Jesus heard that they had access to God at anytime, how do you think they felt? How would that change the way they lived?
3. **Now read Hebrews 6:20.** This verse describes Jesus as our high priest. What did high priests do back in the Old Testament? What does it mean that Jesus is our high priest?
4. **Read Hebrews 1:1-3.** What does it mean that Jesus is "the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature"?
5. When we look at Jesus as the exact imprint of God the Father, we find that God is a good Father. Is it easy for you to put those words together? Is it difficult? Why?

Challenge:

1. Scott gave three things that a good Father does: a good Father is with His children; a good Father protects His children; and a good Father gives good gifts to His children. Which one of those characteristics have you experienced the most? Which do you feel like you've experienced the least?
2. Spend some time praying that God would help us understand how He's been such a good Father to us over the course of our lives, even when it's difficult for us to see.