



A Good Inheritance

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- Describe a time when you asked a parent for something that you really didn't think you would get and yet they gave it to you. How did this make you feel? Why did you think that your parent would withhold it from you?

With your Bible or YouVersion read Jeremiah 3:18-19; 1 Corinthians 2:9, 12:7-11 and James 1:17 These verses talk about how God views us as His children and wants to give us good gifts.

- What does it mean to you that God wants to describe you as more than his "creation" but as "his child"?
- Spend some time imagining what God has prepared for you. How would you describe it? Does that description differ from what you normally expect from God?
- Where do you typically think that "good and perfect gifts" come from? What does this tell us about how God knows us?
- What are some gifts that you have received from God? What are some ways that you have used them "for the good of all"? Do you typically think about using those gifts for the "good of all"? Why or why not?

Read Luke 15:11-32; Genesis 32:26 and Joshua 14:12-13

This passages each reference someone who is asking to receive something.

- Do you view the request of the younger son the same as the request of Jacob and Caleb? Why or why not?
- Do you believe that it is acceptable to ask God for things? What is the difference between an acceptable and unacceptable request?
- How would you characterize your requests?

Read Matthew 5:5 and 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 These verses help us focus on our attitude and purpose.

- How can our attitude make a difference when we come before God? What are some ways that your attitude has affected your requests to God and to others?
- When it comes to asking God to send you his resources do you believe that the purpose that you want them for should make a difference? How might your request differ from someone that lives in a third world nation?

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Ask God to broaden your understanding of what it means to be a child of God.
- Thank God for your inheritance, not just in eternity but also in the here and now.
- Be open to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to search your heart, so that your attitude and purpose and truly reflect God's.
- Ask God to open opportunities for you to use your inheritance for the advancement of His Kingdom.
- As you pray this week - be aware of the things that you ask for. Be open to God's leading in your life to give you more than you can imagine.