

**SESSION # 2 BIBLICAL MANHOOD: CONSEQUENCES OF AN
“ABSENT” FATHER.**

THE FATHER WOUND IS: An ongoing emotional, social, or spiritual deficit, ordinarily met in a healthy relationship with Dad that must now be overcome by other means.

I. Describing your relationship with Dad.

II. The Absent Father Wound results in the following:

A. Anger – expresses the pain.

B. Obsessions and Addictions – suppress the pain.

C. Lostness: drifting through life

We all have father wounds and we cannot use them to excuse current bad behavior.

III. What every Son needs from his Father:

A. Lifelong positive memories

B. Direction with solid “why” answers.

C. Conviction through modeling.

D. His Father’s heart.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been wounded by an absent dad? In what way? Which of the four “results” of the Absent Father Wound could you identify with? Why?

2. If you could ask you dad for one thing, what would it be? Explain.

3. How would you describe your current relationship with your dad?

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