



Week 3: What God Is Really Like

If you do not see God as a father, you will not see yourself as a son.

Discussion Questions

1. What are the most important beliefs you have about yourself? Why?
2. Jake said that the *“thoughts you have shape your beliefs and your beliefs shape your behavior.”* When have you found this to be true in your life?
3. What image of God best describes how you view God? Is it Santa God, Principal God, ATM God, or Boss God? Why?

Read Luke 15:20–32.

1. As Jake talked about the Pharisee and the tax collector, do you find your view of God is more like the Pharisee or the tax collector?
2. How does it make you feel to know that God is actively waiting for you and looking for you to return home? Explain.
3. One son saw his father as an ATM Father and the other viewed him as a Boss Father, but the father lavishly sought out both. How does it make you feel to know that God is lavishly loving and pursuing you because he wants to have a relationship with you?
4. What steps can you take this week to accept God as your Father? To see yourself as his son or daughter?

Moving Forward

Whether you have taken a next step to follow Jesus for the first time or have decided to see God as your perfect Father and yourself as a son or daughter, we have great resources for next steps: www.hamiltonmillchurch.org/follow.

*“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the **most important thing** about us.”*
—A.W. Tozer