

# Royal Redeemer

## CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for June 10-11, 2017:  
*God the Father*



**(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)**

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- What makes you think of God's power (e.g. a storm, the ocean, an ant)?

- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father (Abba), hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."* **Luke 11:1-4**

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What do you learn about God from Jesus' prayer?
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*11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"* **Luke 11:11-13**

- How does what you believe about God impact your prayer life?
- How does what you believe about God impact what you ask for in prayer?
- When you confess, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth", you are saying God is both a powerful and personal provider. Why is each of those important to a vibrant prayer life?
- How might your relationship with your father impact your relationship with God today?

How would you respond to this quote: *"The christian story of God the Father putting his son to death, or employing people to do it, (for that is the plain language of the story,) cannot be told by a parent to a child; and to tell him that it was done to make mankind happier and better, is making the story still worse; as if mankind could be improved by the example of murder; and to tell him that all this is a mystery, is only making an excuse for the incredibility of it."* — Thomas Paine, *The Age of Reason*

- **Serve**

- Who in your life today might have a hard time seeing God as approachable? How can you be a gentle witness of a God who is both powerful and personal?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**