

Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email info@revolutionky.org.

Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. How have you experienced the fierce protection, warmth, or comfort of God in your own life?
2. How do you feel about Jesus comparing himself to mother hen, gathering in her chicks for protection, maybe even to the point of death? Do you struggle to relate to God as a parent, either father or mother? Why or why not?
3. What do you feel you need protection from right now?
4. For more on the strength, protection, and shelter of God's wings see:
 - Deuteronomy 32:11
 - Psalms 17:8
 - Psalms 36:7
 - Psalms 57:1
 - Psalms 61:4
 - Psalms 63:7
 - Psalms 91:4
 - Jeremiah 49:22

Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

"God Is Able" by Priscilla Shirer

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/VideoElement/123034>

1. How does it make you feel to know that God is able to do more than we can ask or imagine? How does that effect your ability to trust God? Or, how can you trust that God is able, especially to gather you in, guard, and protect you against all dangers?
2. Do you think it is easy to limit God in our thinking and understanding? How does this video (and teaching) address that?
3. How does the image of Jesus like a mother hen gathering her chicks challenge your understanding of God? Does it go beyond what you have "asked or imagined" before?

“Image of God in the Bible” by The Bible Project

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/VideoElement/185187>

1. Reread Genesis 1:26-27; did you hear anything differently here or in the video about what it means to be created in the image of God? Or simply, what stood out to you in the video about ‘the image of God’?
2. What images come to mind when you hear the word “ruler”? What images do you most often associate with God as ruler (king, deliverer, master, mighty, stronghold, etc.)?
3. Go back to Philippians 2:1-11. The humility of God in Christ is crucial for our understanding of salvation and redemption; not only in the humility of God becoming human, but then in Jesus leading a life of service and sacrificial love, emptying himself to the point of death. This was not the ruler the world was expecting. As image bearers of God, how does Jesus inform how we are to “rule” today? How does he make this possible?

Family-Related Questions:

God longs to gather us in to a community of belonging and welcome- only there in communion with God and one another can we find real peace, protection, and ultimately salvation. Jesus laments over Jerusalem, like a grieving mother or parent, because they are not turning to him, and are not allowing Jesus to gather them in.

1. Have you ever experienced this kind of lament or heartache over decisions your children are making, or pain they are experiencing? How do you find the right balance (and at different life stages) of discerning when to let your child(ren) make their own decisions/mistakes, and when to interject, fix, or protect?
2. As parents, we often want to shield them from all pain and suffering, like a momma hen. But when it comes to the faith, we are really fellow disciples along with our kids, being gathered in among them to Christ. Only Jesus is the momma hen. How can we serve as spiritual guides for our kids without overstepping to try and fill the role of the Savior?
3. How can we teach our kids these truths, while leaving room for them to have their own experience of the love of God and coming to their own decision about receiving Jesus Christ as their Savior?

Consider watching this show with your kids about the power of God. It’s not about birds... but it is taught by them! Take time to discuss the ways the God shows his power in your lives and family.

“Night Owls & Early Birds: The Sun”

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsShow/321018?episode=1>