



iWorship

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Nurturing”

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“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

- Philippians 4:19

Discussion Questions

1. Word Association: When you hear the word “nurture” what comes to your mind and why?
2. The Bible uses feminine imagery to describe God’s love (Isaiah 66:13 and Hosea 11:1-4). Discuss all of the ways that God’s love is like a mother’s love.
3. Read Psalm 139:1-6. What part of this passage stands out to you? How does it make you feel to know that you are always on God’s mind?
4. Do you relate to the idea that we don’t really know our own needs, but God does? Share an example from your own life, or the life of someone else, where this has proven true.
5. If God already knows what we need before we ask Him (Matthew 6:8), what is the purpose of prayer? How does it benefit us?
6. When God meets our need, what should be the natural outcome in our life? How does 2 Corinthians 9:8 answer this question?
7. Read Philippians 4:11-12. Discuss the proper connection between “contentment” and “need.” Is it easy or difficult for you to be content (at work, at home, with your possessions, etc)?

The Big Idea

The God we serve isn’t distant, impersonal, or uninterested in human affairs. He cares deeply about our needs, and He is able to meet our needs. We worship a personal God! This makes it possible to have a meaningful relationship with Him. A good word to describe God’s love for us is “**nurturing**.” He tenderly cares for us and protects us like parents of a child. He helps us to grow and develop, keeping our best interests in the forefront of his mind. Because of God’s nurturing love for us, we should respond in loving worship of Him.