



Sermon Growth Guide

December 15, 2024

What Do You Name Him - Everlasting Father

Hebrews 1:1-12

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:3a

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.”

Big Idea: Jesus and the Father are one and the same.

Foundations

This week we are in the middle of our Advent series What Do You Name Him? Isaiah prophesies in Isaiah 9:6 that a son will be born who will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We talk during Christmas of Jesus being a baby, what it is to be fully human, or the implications of his birth, death and resurrection. We rarely acknowledge that this baby is the same as our Father or that Joseph and Mary were cradling their Father.

Jesus as the Son is the same as the Father - he has the same knowledge, the same creativity, the same Glory due Him. Pastor Tim mentions that “Scripture would never order us, or the angels, to worship someone that isn’t God! Jesus is worshipped. Jesus is God.”

When the Wise Men came to Herod and asked to worship Jesus, they had no hesitation that worshipping Jesus was both expected and natural. Jesus, being One with our Father, deserves all Glory, Honor and Praise. As our Father, He will be with us, stand behind us and fight for us. Our relationship with Him holds us steady. Regardless of our relationship with our earthly father, we are loved, accepted and fathered by Jesus for all eternity.

Understanding God’s Word

Together, read Hebrews 1:1-12. The writer doesn’t mince words about the glory and worship due Jesus. How might this have sounded to people at the time? At Christmas, do you tend to only ascribe infantile characteristics to Jesus? Or do you think through the way He was worshipped even at the beginning of His earthly life?

Applying God’s Word

No matter what your relationship with your earthly father is, Jesus longs to be named Everlasting Father by you. How does thinking of Jesus as your Father change your relationship with Him?

Witnessing God’s Word

There are multiple images of fathers in our culture, many of which are negative. How can you work to redeem the image of a Good Father? How can you talk to others about the qualities of Father evident in Jesus the Son? As you focus on the birth of Christ this week, take note of the worship due Him. Jesus is your Everlasting Father.